

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE  
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022 -1**

*An ordinance providing for the use and storage of recreational vehicles and equipment on properties located within Republic Township; to provide penalties for the violation of said Ordinance; and to repeal existing Ordinance 2013-37 Planning Commission/Camper Ordinance.*

**THE TOWNSHIP OF REPUBLIC, COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. Title**

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Republic Township Recreational Vehicle and Equipment Ordinance”.

**SECTION 2. Purpose**

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to secure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners by controlling the use and storage of recreational vehicles and equipment on properties located within Republic Township; and to provide penalties for the violation of said Ordinance, and to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith.

**SECTION 3. Definitions**

As used in this Chapter:

- “Recreational Vehicle” means a vehicular-type portable structure without permanent foundation that can be towed, hauled, or driven and primarily designed as a temporary living accommodation for recreational, camping and travel use and including, but not limited to, travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers and self-propelled motor homes. Such housing units usually contain their own potable water system and their own waste systems.
- “Recreational Equipment” means recreational vehicles, including, but not limited to, boats, jet skis, snowmobiles, off-road or other altered vehicles and utility trailers (as well as trailers for carrying or storage).
- “Manufactured Home (Mobile Home)” means homes built entirely in the factory under a federal building code administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. Manufactured homes may be single- or multi-section and are transported to the site and installed.

**SECTION 4. Regulations**

Storage and Use of Recreational Vehicles and Recreational Equipment:

- A. Each vehicle shall be stored fully within the rear yard, or within an interior side yard and shall meet the setback and maximum lot coverage requirements of the Republic Township Zoning Ordinance.

- B. Vehicles shall not be used to store flammable or explosive fuels or materials that are contrary to federal, state or local regulations.
- C. All vehicles must be kept in good repair and carry a current year's license and/or registration. Vehicles requiring a vehicle registration and license to move on the public roads must be kept in good running condition, capable of operation as licensed and maintained with a current registration and license for operation in the name of the occupant of the dwelling unit where the vehicle is stored.
- D. A Manufactured Home (Mobile Home) shall not be construed to be a recreational vehicle and shall not be permitted to be stored in accordance with these provisions.
- E. At no time shall a recreational vehicle be used for living or housing keeping purposes, nor shall it be connected to water, gas, electrical or sanitary sewer facilities, except for the purpose of heating, cooling or battery charging preparatory to departure, or for general vehicle maintenance purposes.
  - 1. A recreational vehicle may be connected to electrical and used as living quarters for a period of up to two (2) weeks to permit the vehicle to be used by a guest.
  - 2. A recreational vehicle may be connected to electrical and LP gas and used for temporary occupancy for a period of up to ninety (90) days on a lot without a dwelling and not located within the R1 and R2 Zoning Districts.
- F. Recreational Vehicles shall not be placed on Republic Township property except in designated campgrounds and shall comply with the campground regulations.

**SECTION 5. Penalty**

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished as provided by the MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION ORDINANCE.

**SECTION 6. Severability**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. Repeal**

Republic Township Ordinance, 2013-37 Planning Commission/Camper Ordinance, is hereby repealed in its entirety and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8. Effective Date and Adoption**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following publication after adoption by the Township Board.

This Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ and was seconded by Township Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, the vote being as follows:

YEAS: (4)

- James Brennan
- Kristina Koski
- Frank Haslip
- John Ison

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: (1)

- Marilyn Brancheau

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Republic Township Board at a regular meeting held at the Republic Township Hall on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m., pursuant to the required statutory notice and procedures.

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Marilyn Brancheau, Republic Township Clerk