

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV'S)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

#### **What is a “Recreational Vehicle” (RV)?**

A recreational vehicle means any vehicle so constructed that it is used for temporary eating and sleeping accommodation for travel, vacation and/or recreational use. Such vehicle shall include tourist trailers, tent trailers, and campers mounted on motorized vehicles, or towed, but does not require a special highway movement permit.

#### **Can I use my RV as my dwelling?**

**No.**

A “Dwelling” means a building, occupied or capable of being occupied as a home, residence or accommodation by one or more persons, but **shall not include** hotels, boarding and rooming houses, motels, mobile homes, **“a Recreational Vehicle of any kind”** and institutions.

(NOTE: A recreational Vehicle is not a residential building under the Ontario Building Code.)

#### **What are the rules on using my RV at my dwelling or cottage?**

No recreational vehicle shall be used within the Municipality for a period of more than **”120 days in any calendar year”** for living, sleeping, or eating accommodation unless located in a Mobile Home Park, or a Tourist Establishment.

#### **Can I use my RV for human habitation?**

In accordance with Section 3.11.4 of Zoning By-Law 2012-49, the use of any accessory building or structure **“including a Recreational Vehicle of any kind”** for human habitation is not permitted.

## Can I store/**use** my RV on my vacant lot?

Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, on any lot in a Residential Zone on which a main building **has not** been erected, the storage or parking of a motor vehicle, boat, **recreational vehicle** or other similar vehicle shall not be permitted unless:

- (i) The said motor vehicle, boat, recreational vehicle, or other similar vehicle is located on the rear half of the lot; **and**
- (ii) The lot is owned by the owner of the adjacent lot.

## Is there a limit on the number of Recreational Vehicles (RVs) allowed on properties where they are permitted?

**YES**, you are allowed one Recreational Vehicle which shall not exceed 9 metres in length exclusive of hitch or tongue.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD AT A GLANCE

1. A Recreational Vehicle is only to be used for temporary eating, sleeping accommodations for travel, vacation, or recreational use **next to your residential dwelling only.**
2. You can park you RV at your dwelling to be used for living, sleeping, or eating accommodation for a period of no more the 120 days in a calendar year.
3. A Recreational Vehicle cannot be used as a dwelling and is not a residential building under the Ontario Building Code.
4. You cannot use your RV on a vacant lot **for any purpose, even if you own the adjacent lot with your residence on it. (Storage is permitted -see next Q.)**

5. You cannot store your RV on a vacant lot unless you own the adjacent lot and your dwelling or cottage is on it. It must be stored on the rear half of the lot.

Note :

The changes to the zoning bylaw regarding RV regs. enacted in 2018 **did not** change the prohibition of RV used for temporary accommodation. It only changed the 90 days to 120 days for storage.

Once we have posted these approved FAQs on our website, we can add any additional questions and answers that might be asked.