

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**44 CFR 59.1 Definitions:** "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle which is:

- (a) built on a single chassis;
- (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (c) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- (d) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

A recreational vehicle placed on a site in an SFHA must:

- ◆ Meet the elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes, **OR**
- ◆ Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, **OR**
- ◆ Be fully licensed and ready for highway use. "Ready for highway use" means that it is on its wheels or jacking system is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and has no permanently attached additions.

NFIP Requirements

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The purpose of this requirement is to prevent recreational vehicles from being permanently placed in the floodplain unless they are as well protected from flooding as a manufactured home.

*FEMA* → The NFIP does not have minimum requirements for recreational vehicle parks or campgrounds other than the limitations on the placement of recreational vehicles. Recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds are often good uses for floodplains, particularly when flooding usually occurs during seasons when these facilities are not in use or where there is plenty of warning time prior to a flood. These facilities should not be permitted in flash flood areas since there may be loss of life if flooding occurs as well as loss of the recreational vehicles.

### Regulations of GALVESTON COUNTY for Floodplain Mgt dtd 5-10-2016

- (8) Recreational Vehicles - Require that recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones V1-30, V, and VE on the community's FIRM (i) be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, (ii) be fully licensed and ready for highway use with no special or additional permits needed for transport over public highways, or (iii) meet the requirements in Article 3, Section C of this ordinance and paragraphs (1) through (6) of this section. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

**AND**

A new permit must be obtained for an additional 180 days by complying with the following regulations:

- a. Completely remove the vehicle or trailer from the lot prior to the expiration date of the existing valid permit.
- b. Apply for a new permit.
- c. Call for an inspection of the empty lot.
- d. Call for another inspection after the vehicle is replaced on the lot.
- e. If the above conditions are not complied with, the original permit will expire and the vehicle or trailer will have to be removed and will not be permitted again.

**What FEMA actually requires.**  
(right out of official FEMA Study Guide printed for use by Public Officials)

**What certain Galv Co. Elected Public Servants say FEMA "requires".**