

**CITY OF THREE FORKS, MONTANA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 376-2017**

**ORDINANCE OF THE THREE FORKS CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 7 OF THE THREE FORKS MUNICIPAL CODE CLARIFYING THE LIMITATIONS OF PARKING CERTAIN VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS**

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Committee met on May 24, 2016 because of complaints that law enforcement was not enforcing the parking regulations, as well as complaints of people living in campers/recreational vehicles throughout city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Committee met again on June 14, July 19, and August 23, 2016, and May 9, July 25, and September 12, 2017 to work with law enforcement and the city attorney on the best approach to enforcement of parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee examined all aspects of parking various types of vehicles, including those commonly associated with camping, on the municipal streets; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promote safety throughout Three Forks and ensuring all on-street parked vehicles are licensed and operational promotes public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City does not find that there are significant safety hazards by authorizing vehicular parking within a single block for up to 72-hours in §7-2-5-E; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Three Forks City Council, that Title 7, Section 1 and Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 are amended as follows:

**7-1-2: DEFINITIONS:**

*[Insert alphabetically and remove the existing "VEHICLES"]*

**CAMPING, PRIVATE NON-COMMERCIAL:** The use of temporary living accommodations such as tents, tepees, yurts, and recreation vehicles such as motor homes, campers, or trailers or any other vehicle or structure not permitted.

**VEHICLE:** Every machine in, upon or by which a person or objects may be transported or drawn upon a street or roadway, whether currently operable or not, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. (amd. Ord. 376-2017, 10/10/2017)

**7-2-5: GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS:**

A. *[Same as currently written]*

B. When a vehicle is loading or unloading within a public alley, ten feet (10') of the width of the alleyway shall be available at all times for the free movement of vehicular traffic. When such a vehicle is loading or unloading in an alley, the same shall not be parked in such a position as to block the driveway or entrance of any abutting property, except for in Central Business District. (amd. Ord. 376-2017, 10/10/2017)

- C. *[Same as currently written]*
- D. Except as otherwise provided, a vehicle parked upon a public street or thoroughfare shall be parked or stopped parallel to the travelled way facing the same direction as the traffic flow upon such street or thoroughfare. Further, parking or stopping shall be of such a distance as to not block, inhibit or impair the travelled way in any manner, including but not limited to opening doors shall not interfere or cross the plane of the travelled way. (amd. Ord. 376-2017, 10/10/2017)
- E. Camping, Private Non-Commercial is prohibited within the municipal limits, except in authorized and permitted campgrounds. (amd. Ord. 376-2017, 10/10/2017)
- F. No vehicle, inoperable or unlicensed vehicle, inoperable or unlicensed trailer, inoperable or unlicensed camper or inoperable or unlicensed recreational vehicle may remain standing or parked on one-side of the public street within any one block for more than 72-hours. After 72-hours, any vehicle and any inoperable or unlicensed vehicle, inoperable or unlicensed trailer, inoperable or unlicensed camper or inoperable or unlicensed recreational vehicle may be declared abandoned and a five (5) day notice of intent to remove and impound may be placed on the vehicle, trailer, camper or recreational vehicle by the City or law enforcement. The cost of towing and impoundment storage is the responsibility of the owner. (amd. Ord. 376-2017, 10/10/2017)

**7-2-14: RESIDENTIAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. *[Existing "A" removed and "B" to be labeled as "A"]*
  1. Operate its refrigeration and/or generator unit;
  2. Allow its engine to run more than thirty (30) minutes in any twelve (12) hour period, or allow its generator to run more than sixty (60) minutes in any twelve (12) hour period except when temperature is ten degrees (10°) below zero Fahrenheit; (Ord.268, 2-11-2003; amd. Ord. 310-09, 5-12-2009; amd. Ord. 376-2017, 10/10/2017)

SAVE AND EXCEPT for the amendments described herein, the remaining provisions of this Title, Chapter and Section are hereby confirmed and ratified as adopted.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Approval:** DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Mayor Steven B. Hamilton

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Attest: Crystal Turner, City Clerk

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Approval:** DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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Mayor Steven B. Hamilton

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Attest: Crystal Turner, City Clerk