

**CITY OF WARD  
ORDINANCE O-2024-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAVEL TRAILERS<sup>1</sup> WITHIN ANY AND ALL ZONES WITH THE CITY OF WARD FROM APRIL 1, 2024 TO APRIL 12, 2024; ESTABLISH A PERMITTING/FEE PROCESS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2009-01; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS, THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE** will occur April 8, 2024 and the City of Ward is within the Path of Totality; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that Central Arkansas will have a million or more visitors to the area and that each city within the Path of Totality could experience a temporary population growth of two to four time their normal population; and,

**WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD,** in making plans for this once-in-a-lifetime event, the city desires to allow its citizens to capitalize on this event by allowing the parking and use of Recreation Vehicles (RVs) for overnight accommodations on their personal property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1 – PARKING AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS PERMITTED:** Homeowners<sup>2</sup> are hereby authorized to allow RVs to be parked and utilized for overnight accommodations as noted below.

- a. Standard Subdivision Lots Less Than One (1) Acre: One (1) RV or one (1) Travel Trailer on the driveway ONLY. Parking of RVs or Travel Trailer on seeded areas (yards) is prohibited.
- b. Subdivision Lots One (1) Acre or More: Three (3) RV or Three (3) Travel Trailer (or any combination thereto) may be parked on a driveway or a seeded area (yard) so long that the driveway is used for entrance and exit.
- c. Subdivision Lot Sizes or other Parcels Three (3) Acers or More: The homeowner can determine the number of RVs and/or Travel Trailers they

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<sup>1</sup>A wheeled vehicle without motive power which is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle over the public highways and which is generally and commonly used for temporary living or sleeping accommodations.

<sup>2</sup> It is incumbent upon renters to obtain permission by their landlord prior to allowing an RV to be parked on their rented property.

can accommodate. However, a clear pathway for emergency vehicles **MUST** be maintained.

**SECTION 2 – PROHIBITIONS:**

- a. RVs and/or Travel Trailers are **PROHIBITED** from parking on any city street for the purpose of overnight accommodations.
- b. RVs and/or Travel Trailers are **PROHIBITED** from dumping any sewer product (black water and/or grey water) into the city's sewer system via a homeowner's cleanout or any other means.
- c. RVs and/or Travel Trailers are **PROHIBITED** from dumping any sewer product (black water and/or grey water) on the ground.
- d. RVs and/or Travel Trailers are **PROHIBITED** from connecting to the homeowner's electrical system through the breaker box.

**SECTION 3 – PERMITS REQUIRED:**

- a. Anyone allowing a RV and/or Travel Trailer to be parked on their property for overnight accommodations during the Eclipse event must obtain a Permit prior to allowing anyone to park.
- b. One permit per RV and/or Travel Trailer is required. (i.e. If you can allow two RVs or Travel Trailers on your property, you will need two permits.)
- c. Each RV or Travel Trailer permit must be posted in such a way that it is visible from the street.

**SECTION 4 – FEES:**

- a. \$50 per RV and/Travel Trailer that will be good for the duration of this Ordinance.
- b. Fees must be paid and permit issued at the Permitting Office in City Hall.

**SECTION 5 – FINES AND PENALTIES:**

- a. Upon notice by a Code Enforcement Officers, Building Inspector, Police Officer, and/or the Fire Chief, that an RV or Travel Trailer has been parked within the city for overnight accommodation without a permit, the homeowner must obtain such within 24 hours of notice and pay an additional \$25 penalty.

b. Failure to or refusing to obtain a permit for the overnight parking of any RV or Travel Trailer may result in the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with this Ordinance and be fined \$200.00 per RV or Travel Trailer or as the court deems appropriate.

**SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance takes effect on April 1, 2024.

**SECTION 6 – EXPIRATION DATE:** This Ordinance expires at 5 pm, April 12, 2024, unless otherwise extended by the Ward City Council.

**SECTION 7 – ORDINANCE 2009-01:** Any and all provisions in City of Ward Ordinance 2009-01 are hereby waived for the duration of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 8 – SEVERABILITY:** If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 2/20/24.


Brooke N, Chapman Y, Hall Y, Hefner Y, McMinn Y, Ruble Y

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 1 Mayor (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
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Charles Gastineau, Mayor

  
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Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

