

ORDINANCE NO. 97-5028

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 27-804(c) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE STORAGE OF TRAILERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN REAR AND SIDE YARDS BY ADDING TO THE DEFINITION OF TRAILERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND ELIMINATING THE APRIL TO SEPTEMBER PARKING RESTRICTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That the Billings Montana City Code be amended by revising Section 27-804(c) to read as follows:

**"Sec. 27-804. Abandoned vehicles and storage restrictions.**

. . . .

(c) *Storage of trailers and recreational vehicles.* Snowmobiles, boats or other recreational vehicles and campers, camper trailers or motor homes, and utility/sport trailers whose manufacturer specifications do not exceed eight (8) feet in width and twenty-seven (27) feet in length may be parked, or stored as follows:

- (1) In rear yards;
- (2) In side yards, providing that the following conditions are met:
  - (a) The property does not have public alley access or other reasonable access to the rear yard.
  - (b) The side yard area to be used for such parking or storage has a prepared surface of gravel, asphalt or concrete;
  - (c) The unit shall not be parked any nearer than three (3) feet from the side lot line or five (5) feet from any door, window, or other opening of a dwelling which provides light, air, entrance to, or exit from the dwelling as needed to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of the occupants of the dwelling;
- (d) For purposes of this section, the side yard of a

corner lot which is adjacent to the street is regarded as a front yard and no such parking or storage is allowed;

~~(e) Such parking or storage is allowed only during the months of April through September.~~

However, it shall be unlawful for any person or firm to park or store such vehicles in any front yard or to occupy campers, camping trailers or motor homes for living or sleeping purposes.

. . . ."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption as provided by law.

Section 3. REPEALER. All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

CITY OF BILLINGS



By Charles F. Tolley  
Mayor

ATTEST:

By Marita Herold  
City Clerk