

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-0425**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS; REGULATING THE USAGE OF AMES' SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.**

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**Section 1**

***Definitions***

The following words and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

*Recreational vehicle*, as used in this ordinance, shall mean any of the following:

*Travel trailer* means a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation uses, or permanently identified travel trailer by the manufacturer of the trailer and, factory equipped for the road, it shall have a body width not exceeding eight feet and a body length not exceeding state maximum.

*Pick-up coach* means a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation. The pick-up coach shall remain on the truck chassis at all times, except for any repair or maintenance work which necessitates the pick-up coach being removed from the truck chassis, in which case such repair or maintenance work shall be completed within two days or removal.

*Motor home* means a portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self- propelled vehicle.

*Dependent trailer* means a trailer which is dependent upon a service building for toilet and lavatory facilities.

*Self-contained trailer* means a trailer which can operate independent of connection to sewer, water and electric systems. It contains water-flushed toilet, lavatory, shower and kitchen sink, all of which are connected to water storage and sewage holding tanks located within the trailer.

*RV Park* means a single parcel of land or contiguous lots owned by the same individual, family, entity, or non-related entities, or which were previously owned by the same individual or entity and transferred, assigned, reassigned, conveyed, or reconveyed, within the last five (5) years, that shall provide a minimum of five (5) acres in area under a single ownership (as compared to a subdivision), or under control or joint control of one or more individuals, which has been planned and improved for the placement of two (2) or more Recreational vehicles, travel trailers, pick-up coaches, motor homes, dependent trailers, or self-contained trailers.

## **Section 2**

- A. Each RV Park that uses the City of Ames' sanitary sewer system must pay the monthly base rate for each sewer connection on its premises.

## **Section 3**

- A. The base sewer rate for each sewer connection in an RV Park is \$45.00.

## **Section 4**

Any violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine up to \$500.00. Each day that a person is noncompliant with this ordinance constitutes a separate penalty.

This ordinance takes full force and effect once signed by the mayor, attested by the city secretary, and duly published in the newspaper of record.

Passed and attested by the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas on

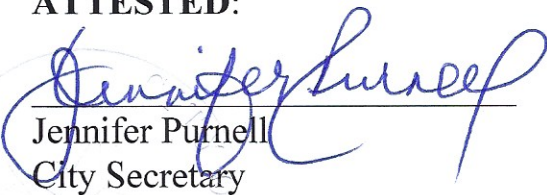
April 25, \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Jennifer Purnell  
City Secretary

