

# Draft ordinance — Village of Pinckney

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY CODE TO REGULATE TEMPORARY FRONT/SIDE-YARD LAWN PARKING AND REAR-YARD PARKING/STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

### Section 1. Purpose.

To balance neighborhood appearance and resident flexibility by allowing limited, well-maintained lawn parking and orderly rear-yard storage of personal recreational vehicles and yard equipment.

## Notes & Michigan context (so it plays nice with existing law)

- Be sure this does **not** allow parking that blocks sidewalks/ROW or violates the Michigan Vehicle Code's general "no parking" places (e.g., on sidewalks, within intersections, in front of driveways, etc.). See **MCL 257.674** for the statewide prohibited locations.  
[Michigan Legislature](#)

## Public-Facing FAQ & Special-Event Permit Form

### FAQ: Lawn Parking & Rear-Yard Storage (Village of Pinckney)

#### Q1. What does "lawn parking" mean?

A: Parking a vehicle on the grass (turf/vegetated surface) in your front or side yard, rather than on an approved driveway or hard-surface pad.

#### Q2. How many vehicles may I park on the lawn, and for how long?

Up to **three (3)** vehicles, meeting the criteria, may park on your front/side yard lawn. Each may remain there for up to **three (3) consecutive days**, and your property cannot exceed **nine (9) days total per calendar month** of lawn parking.

#### Q3. Which vehicles qualify to park on the lawn?

They must be passenger vehicles: registered to the owner or occupant, currently licensed and insured, operable for normal use, and not commercial haulers or junk vehicles.

#### Q4. What maintenance requirements apply?

The lawn must be mowed and free of tall weeds/grass around or under parked vehicles. There must be no deep ruts (over 2"), no bare soil from repeated parking, and no fluid leaks visible. Vehicles must be set back 3 ft from sidewalks, 5 ft from the street/pavement edge, and may not block sidewalks or public rights-of-way.

**Q5. Can I park on the lawn longer if it's for a special event?**

Yes — you may apply for a one-day permit (“Lawn Parking Permit”) from the Zoning Administrator which allows you to exceed the normal limits (e.g., for a graduation party or large household event). Permit must be submitted at least \_\_\_\_ days in advance (suggest 10) and display the permit in your window during the event.

**Q6. What about storage of my RV, boat, motorhome, or yard equipment?**

You may store/park up to **two (3)** personal units in your rear yard (or interior side yard behind the house). They must meet yard-setback and surfacing standards, be owned by you, in good repair, and not used for overnight living or utility hookups.

**Q7. Why adopt this ordinance?**

The goal is to give you more flexibility while maintaining neighborhood character: enabling limited lawn parking for your vehicles during short-term situations, and orderly storage of recreational vehicles/out-equipment without front-yard eyesores.

**Q8. What happens if I violate the rules?**

You'll receive a written Notice of Violation and have 72 hours to fix it (unless it's an immediate hazard). Fines: \$100 for first offense, \$250 for second within 12 months, \$400 for third/subsequent within 12 months. Each continuing day is a separate offense. Repeated violations may suspend your special-event permit privileges for a year.

**Q9. Who do I contact to apply for the special-event Lawn Parking Permit or ask questions?**

Contact the Zoning Administrator, Village Hall, 220 S. Howell St., Pinckney, MI 48169. [phone/email]. Permit application and guidelines are available at the Village website.