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**Use of Campers/Recreational Vehicles in Oneida County**

The Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance allows for placement of a camping unit or recreational vehicle pursuant to Article 3, Section 9.32(F) and 9.33(F) of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, as follows:

**9.32 ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

F. A zoning permit shall be obtained before:

A recreational vehicle is used as a dwelling for more than five (5) consecutive days unless exempt under 9.33(F).

1. The placement of a recreational vehicle, camping trailer, motor home or park model on a parcel must comply with applicable setbacks, the minimum lot area and dimensional requirements for uses and zoning districts in Appendix A.
2. Obtain a sanitary permit for a private on-site wastewater treatment system if the recreational vehicle is provided a connection to potable water and/or electric.
3. Obtain a non-plumbing sanitary system permit if not connected to water and/or electric.

**9.33 EXCEPTIONS TO ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

F. Recreational Vehicle

The placement of a recreational vehicle, camping trailer, motor home or park model on a parcel shall comply with applicable setbacks, the minimum lot area and dimensional requirements for uses and zoning districts in Appendix A if used as a dwelling, unless the recreational vehicle is being used in conformity with section 9.33(F)(3).

A zoning permit shall not be required and the dimensional requirements for uses and zoning districts in Appendix A do not apply for the placement of one recreational vehicle on a parcel, provided any of the following apply:

1. The recreational vehicle is being stored on the property, is not hooked up to electricity or water and is not being used as a dwelling or storage.
2. The recreational vehicle or camping tent is used on the owner's property for a period not to exceed two years while a permanent dwelling is under construction, provided that a zoning permit has been granted for the dwelling unit under construction and a notation was placed on the application for permit that a recreational vehicle is going to be used. Provisions of 13.24 of the Oneida County Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance (POWTS) applies.
3. The recreational vehicle is placed in a campground or recreational vehicle park in accordance with section 9.53 of this ordinance.

**Definitions:**

1. **Recreational Vehicle:** A mobile home when fully expanded contains 400 square feet or less of living space, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be towed on a highway by a motor vehicle and equipped and used, or intended to be used, primarily for temporary human habitation or recreational living quarters, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained in the recreational vehicle. A recreational vehicle includes a motor home, park model, truck camper, travel trailer and camping trailer.
2. **Camping Trailer:** A vehicle with a collapsing or folding structure designed for human habitation and towed upon a highway by a motor vehicle, not to exceed 320 square feet.

Zoning permit applications and forms can be obtained through the Oneida County web site at [www.co.oneida.wi.us/departments/pz/public-documents/](http://www.co.oneida.wi.us/departments/pz/public-documents/)

**NOTE:**

1. Check with the respective town for additional requirements or restrictions on campers.
2. The use of tents for camping is allowed for a length of stay less than five consecutive days, without the need for a permit. If tent camping will occur each year, it is recommended to obtain a privy permit.
3. "Stored" implies, and includes but is not limited to: awnings or other appurtenances not erected, no waste container visible (under the unit or otherwise), no rugs or mats below the access door, no electrical wires or water hoses visible, no generator visible, and located in a manner that is not conducive to being used easily, without set up.