



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING RECREATION VEHICLE (RV) PARKING & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

1. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE?

MHMC Section 18.42.050 defines a "Recreational Vehicle" (RV) as:

1. Built on a single chassis;
2. Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
3. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and
4. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

2. CAN I LIVE IN MY RV WHILE IT IS PARKED ON A PUBLIC STREET?

No. MHMC Section 8.080.50 states that all trailers, when occupied or used for living or sleeping purposes, shall be kept within approved mobile home parks or trailer parks; provided, however, that a trailer may be so used or occupied for a period not exceeding forty-eight hours upon obtaining the prior consent of the Chief of Police or of his deputy. This period may be extended for three additional weeks or any fraction thereof only upon the prior consent of the city council.

For example, should a relative traveling in their RV desire to visit you, you may obtain the consent of the Chief of Police or his deputy for their visit. This allows them to park on the street in front of your home and "occupy" the trailer/RV during their visit.

3. WHAT IS AN "OVERSIZED VEHICLE?"

An "oversized vehicle" is any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceed **twenty-two feet** in length or **seven feet** in height.

4. IS MY RV CONSIDERED A "TRAILER?"

Yes. The Morgan Hill Municipal Code defines a "trailer" as a camp-car, trailer, trailer coach or other vehicle with or without motor power constructed to travel on public thoroughfares and designed, constructed or used for human habitation.

5. HOW MUCH SHOULD I EXPECT TO PAY IF MY RV IS CITED?

Often, RV's are initially given a warning, to apprise the owner of the City's code. Unless a different amount is specified by code, the amount of fine payable to the city for an administrative citation, is a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100) dollars for a first violation, not exceeding two hundred (\$200) dollars for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year and not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year.

If you have been issued an administrative citation for a Municipal Code violation other than parking, you may pay the citation or request a hearing. Citations may be paid in person at City Hall or via mail.

6. WHAT ARE THE TOW FEES IF MY VEHICLE IS TOWED?

1. **\$165.00 Vehicle Release Fee:** Paid to the Morgan Hill Police Department
2. **\$225.00 Initial Tow Fee:** Paid to the Tow Company
3. **\$100.00 Daily Storage Fee:** Paid to the Tow Company

7. IS OVERNIGHT CAMPING ILLEGAL IN A CITY PARK?

Per MHMC 12.20.060 Subsection (O) - Any overnight camping is prohibited, except under conditions provided for under Section 12.20.080.

MHMC 12.20.080 Subsection (G) - Requires prior approval/permit from the City of Morgan Hill, if you plan to conduct any activities that exceed the operational hours of a City park. Permits for camping in City parks are generally only issued in conjunction with short term "special events", not for individual use.

8. REPORTING OR FILING A COMPLAINT:

- <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>
- Parking Enforcement: MSO Jason Lorenzo 669-253-4977
- Traffic Hotline: Corporal Scott Silva or Officer John Kuhlen 408-776-0460
- Abandoned Vehicles: MSO Jason Lorenzo 669-253-4977
- General Complaints: Morgan Hill Police Dept. 408-779-2101 (non-emergency)

9. WHERE CAN I FIND SHORT TERM OR LONG-TERM RV PARKING?

Thousand Trails RV Park
12895 Uvas Rd,
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
800-546-7222

Maple Leaf RV Park
15200 Monterey St
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
408-776-1818

Oak Dell RV Park
12790 Watsonville Rd
Morgan Hill, CA 95020
408-779-7779

Uvas Pines RV Park
13210 Uvas Rd,
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
408-779-3417

Coyote Valley RV Resort
9750 Monterey Rd
San Jose, CA 95037
408-463-8400

Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park
650 Holloway Rd
Gilroy, CA 95020
866-848-8081

Parkway Lakes RV Park
100 Ogier Ave
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
408-779-0244

Garlic Farm RV Park
5878 Garlic Farms Dr.
Gilroy, CA 95020
408-842-6185

10. WHERE CAN I FIND AN EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER?

Gilroy National Guard Armory
Cold Weather Shelter
8490 Wren Avenue
Gilroy, Ca 95020
408-712-0306

Gilroy Compassion Center
370 Tomkins Court,
Gilroy, Ca 95020
408-763-7120

St. Francis of Assisi Church
5111 San Felipe Rd.
San Jose, CA 95135
Single Men Only
Contact: Ferdie Angel :
408-202-7630
ferdinand_angel@earthlink.net

Morgan Hill Police Department
Homeless Liaison:
Officer Fidel Rios
16200 Vineyard Blvd.
Morgan Hill, Ca
669-253-4990
fidel.rios@morganhill.ca.gov

City of Morgan Hill
Housing Manager
Rebecca Garcia
17575 Peak Ave
Morgan Hill, Ca
408-310-4637
rebecca.garcia@morganhill.ca.gov

Most Holy Trinity Church
2040 Nassau Dr.
San Jose, CA 95122
Single Men Only
Contact: John Estrada
408-439-1667
johnjohn4216@sbcglobal.net

Morgan Hill Safe Parking
Morgan Hill Bible Church
15055 Monterey RD
Morgan Hill, Ca
Families only _ Sober living
(limited space)
Contact the City Housing
Manager

VIOLATIONS	TOW AUTHORITY
<p>CVC Section 4000(a)(1): Expired Registration</p> <p>A person shall not drive, move, or leave standing upon a highway, or in an off-street public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly or logging dolly.</p> <p>CVC 4000(a)(1): Criminal Citation - Infraction</p>	<p>Vehicle subject to tow, Per CVC Section 22651(k)</p>
<p>MHMC Section 8.08.050: Trailers restricted to parks</p> <p>All trailers, when occupied or used for living or sleeping purposes, shall be kept within approved mobile home parks or trailer parks; provided, however, that a trailer may be so used or occupied for a period not exceeding forty-eight hours upon obtaining the prior consent of the chief of police or of his deputy. This period may be extended for three additional weeks or any fraction thereof only upon the prior consent of the city council.</p> <p>MHMC 8.08.050 - Admin. Citation Only</p>	<p>No Tow Unless the vehicle is in violation of CVC Section 4000(a)(1), MHMC 10.40.100 or 10.40.210</p>
<p>MHMC 10.40.100: Storing vehicles on streets</p> <p>No vehicle shall be parked upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two hours.</p>	<p>Vehicle subject to tow, Per CVC Section 22651(k)</p>
<p>MHMC 10.40.210: Parking oversized vehicles on public streets in residential</p> <p>A. Notwithstanding the provisions of <u>Section 10.40.140</u>, no person shall stop, stand or park an oversized vehicle on a public street or highway located immediately adjacent to real property located in a residential zone, as shown on the official zoning map of the city as may be amended from time to time, except for the purpose of loading or unloading food, supplies, equipment or cargo or due to a temporary and unplanned inoperability. Such exemption period shall not exceed ten consecutive hours.</p> <p>B. For the purposes of this section, the term "oversized vehicle" shall mean any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height, exclusive of any projecting lights or devices allowed by the provisions of the California Vehicle Code.</p>	<p>Vehicle subject to tow, Per CVC Section 22651(k)</p>

<p>MHMC 12.20.060: Over Night Camping</p> <p>(O) Overnight camping shall be prohibited in City parks, except under conditions provided for under Section 12.20.080.</p> <p>MHMC 12.20.060 - Admin. Citation Only</p>	<p>No Tow</p> <p>Unless the vehicle is in violation of CVC Section 4000(a)(1), MHMC 10.40.100 or 10.40.210</p>
<p>MHMC 10.40.220: Parking for certain purposes prohibited</p> <p>It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle upon any street within the city arterial roadway for the primary purpose of displaying such vehicle for sale.</p> <p>MHMC 10.40.220 - Admin. Citation Only</p>	<p>No Tow</p> <p>Unless the vehicle is in violation of CVC Section 4000(a)(1), MHMC 10.40.100 or 10.40.210</p>
<p>MHMC 10.60.060: - Unattached trailer and semitrailer parking prohibition</p> <p>A person shall not park any trailer or semitrailer upon any highway, street, alley, public way or public place unless the trailer or semitrailer is, at all times while so parked, attached to a vehicle capable of moving the trailer or semitrailer in a normal manner upon the highway, street, alley, public way or public place.</p> <p>This section shall not apply to trailers or semitrailers in the process of being loaded or unloaded, nor shall it apply to any trailer or semitrailer which is disabled in such a manner and to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the disabled trailer or semitrailer on that portion of the highway, street, alley, public way or public place ordinarily used for vehicular parking. A disabled trailer or semitrailer shall not be temporarily parked along a public right-of-way for more than twenty-four hours.</p> <p>MHMC 10.60.060 - Admin. Citation Only</p>	<p>No Tow</p> <p>Unless the vehicle is in violation of CVC Section 4000(a)(1), MHMC 10.40.100 or 10.40.210</p>