

ORDINANCE NO. 829

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA ADDING PROHIBITIONS ON THE USE OF VEHICLES FOR HUMAN HABITATION WITHIN THE CITY OF COALINGA

The City Council of the City of Coalinga does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Sec. 4-4.722.1 of the Coalinga Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

“Sec. 4-4.722.1. – Use of vehicles and other recreational vehicles for human habitation prohibited.

- (a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this Section 4-4.722.1, unless otherwise apparent from the context, the following words and phrases used in this section are defined as set forth in this subsection.

Automotive trailer. "Automotive trailer" shall mean a vehicle designed for carrying persons or property on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon any other vehicle.

Automotive semitrailer. "Automotive semitrailer" shall mean a vehicle designed for carrying persons or property, used in conjunction with a motor vehicle, and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon, or is carried by, another vehicle.

Trailer coach. "Trailer coach" shall mean a vehicle other than a motor vehicle, designed for human habitation or human occupancy for industrial, professional, or commercial purposes, for carrying property on its own structure, and for being drawn by a motor vehicle.

Recreational vehicle. "Recreational vehicle" shall mean a motor home, truck camper, or camping trailer, with or without motor power, built on a single chassis, designed for human habitation for recreational, emergency, or other occupancy, either self-propelled, truck-mounted, or towable on the highways.

Vessel. "Vessel" shall mean all manner of watercraft, other than a seaplane, whether impelled by wind, oars, or mechanical devices, and which is designed primarily for recreational use. A recreational vessel, when mounted on a boat trailer, and its towing vehicle, when parked, shall be considered to be one unit, exclusive of its towing vehicle.

- (b) At no time shall such an automotive trailer, automotive semitrailer, trailer coach, recreational vehicle, or vessel be occupied when parked or stored within the City, including on private property.

(c) Exceptions:

- a. It shall be lawful for non-paying guests at a residence in a residential district to occupy the unit, parked in conformity with all parking regulations on private property, for purposes of sleeping, loading and unloading of merchandise or passengers, only for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) calendar days.

b. It shall be lawful for non-paying guests at a residence in a residential district to occupy the unit, parked in conformity with all parking regulations on a City street, for purposes of sleeping, loading and unloading of merchandise or passengers, only for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours unless authorized by the Chief of Police in writing for not more than twenty-four (24) additional hours.

(d) The total number of days during which any such unit may be occupied shall not exceed fourteen (14) days in any one calendar year.

(e) For purposes of this section evidence of human habitation shall include activities such as sleeping, setting up housekeeping or cooking, eating, recreating, and/or any other activity where it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that the vehicle is being used as a living accommodation.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

Section 3. The City Clerk is further directed to cause this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of Coalinga, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption. If a summary of the ordinance is published, then the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five days prior to the Council meeting at which the ordinance is adopted and again after the meeting at which the ordinance is adopted. The summary shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Coalinga, California, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 21, 2019, and was passed and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on **April 4, 2019**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Ron Lander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk