

VILLAGE OF GOODRICH
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

Section 1: Purpose

This ordinance aims to regulate vehicle repair activities in residential zones to preserve the visual appeal, safety, and overall quality of life within the Village of Goodrich.

Section 2: Definitions

- **Vehicle Repair:** Any activity involving the maintenance, servicing, or mechanical repair Of motor vehicles, including but not limited to engine work, bodywork, painting, and part replacement.
- **Unlicensed Vehicle Repair:** Vehicle repair activities conducted without the appropriate business licenses or outside of a legally established commercial auto repair facility.
- **Front Yard:** The area extending across the full width of a lot between the front façade of a building and the front property line.
- **Side Yard:** The area extending from the front yard to the rear yard between the side property line and the side façade of a building.
- **Back Yard:** The area extending across the full width of a lot located behind the building.

Section 3: Prohibited Activities

In residential zones, the following activities are prohibited in front, side and back yards.

1. **Vehicle Repair:** Conducting vehicle repairs as a business or for compensation is prohibited in residential areas.
2. **Storage of Inoperable Vehicles:** The storage of a nonpermanent structure within the front, side and back yard shall be prohibited in all zoning districts. All vehicles parked in a front yard, side yard or back yard shall be licensed. The carrying out of repair, restoration and maintenance procedures or projects on vehicles in any residential zoning district, when such work is not conducted entirely within the interior of the vehicles, shall be subject to the regulations of this ordinance. Parking or storing vehicles that are inoperable, unregistered, unlicensed, or not currently being repaired is prohibited in front, side or back yards.
3. **Extended Repairs:** Performing vehicle repairs that exceed 96 hours in duration is prohibited. Maintenance procedures on a licensed and insured vehicle owned by the property owner may be permitted in the front yard or driveway for up to four business days in duration. Procedures which require the vehicle to be immobile or inoperable in excess of the four business days shall be carried out within an enclosed building or off the premises. Inoperable vehicles and vehicle parts shall be stored inside an enclosed building.

4. Parking of commercial vehicles over one ton within public street right-of-way is prohibited.
5. Parking of commercial vehicles of up to one ton, and essential service maintenance vehicles of up to 2 ½ tons shall be permitted in any zoning district.
6. Parking of one commercial vehicle of up to 2 ½ tons in the front yard may be permitted by the planning commission as a conditional use upon finding the vehicle is needed for business of the property owner. In making such determination, the planning commission shall consider the feasibility of parking in the side or rear yards on the particular lot, the proximity of adjacent home, neighborhood character and the size of the proposed vehicle. The planning commission may impose requirements on parking location and an expiration date for the conditional use permit.
7. It shall be unlawful for the owner, tenant or lessee of any lot in any residential zoning district to permit the open storage or outdoor parking of semi tractor (WB-50 or larger) trucks and/or semitrailers, bulldozers, earth carriers, cranes or any other similar equipment or machinery, unless parked thereon while in use of approved construction on such lot. (Ord. No. 82. {}3.26, eff.6-25-1991) Cross reference- Traffic and vehicles, ch.32.

Section 4: Permitted Activities

Residents may perform minor vehicle maintenance on their own vehicles, provided that:

1. **Location:** Such activities are conducted within an enclosed garage or in the rear yard, away from public view.
2. **Duration:** Repairs do not exceed 96 hours.
3. **Environmental Safety:** All fluids and hazardous materials are properly handled and disposed of in accordance with local and state regulations.

Section 5: Enforcement and Penalties

Violations of this ordinance are subject to enforcement actions, including fines and other penalties as determined by the Village of Goodrich's enforcement authorities.

Section 6: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining sections shall continue in full force and effect.

By implementing this ordinance, the Village of Goodrich can effectively manage vehicle repair activities, maintaining the community's aesthetic and safety standards.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately, following its adoption and publication as required by law.

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