



ORDINANCE #2026-06

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 106 – Traffic and Vehicles. Article III. – Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 1. – Generally, Section 106-123. – Vehicle parking time limited where carrying capacity is in excess of one ton, and trailer and recreation vehicle parking be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 106-123. Vehicle parking time, vehicle load capacity, trailer, and recreational vehicle parking.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle with a vehicle load capacity of more than one ton, any trailer, which includes, but is not limited to, boat, utility, construction or one that is used to carry goods regardless of weight capacity and is designed to be towed or pulled by another vehicle, or any vehicle or trailer on the city streets for a period longer than two consecutive hours.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any commercial vehicle with a vehicle load capacity of more than one ton, any trailer, which includes, but is not limited to utility, construction or one that is used to carry goods regardless of weight capacity and is designed to be towed or pulled by another vehicle, or any vehicle or trailer combination thereof, in any residential zone in the city except for temporary parking for immediate deliveries, pickups, and/or service calls to residences or for construction work on residential properties. A commercial vehicle shall be one which that is used or maintained for the transportation of people, property, or goods, for hire, compensation, or profit, except taxicabs and rideshare.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park a trailered board under 25 feet on the streets of Dover for a period longer than 12 consecutive hours. For any trailered boat with a length of 25 feet or greater, refer to subsection (a).
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any recreational vehicle to park on any residential street for a period longer than 12 consecutive hours without a permit. A resident owner of a recreational vehicle may request a parking permit from the city to park on a residential street in the vicinity of their residence for a period not to exceed 72 hours. The permit would be made available at no cost to the resident. The parking permit shall be displayed in the front window of the vehicle, visible from the street. A resident may only request such a permit three times in any 12-month period.

(e) Non-residents are exempt from subsection (d) for a period of up to seven days as long as their recreational vehicle does not create a safety hazard or interfere with traffic in the residential area where they are parked.

(f) All parking shall comply with the regulations in Appendix A, Article VI, Section A.

ADOPTED: June 22, 2026

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance clarifies and establishes a precise definition of vehicle capacity within the ordinance. The current language does not adequately identify or define vehicle capacity.

(SPONSORS: NEIL, ANDERSON, SUDLER, AND DUCA)

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