

# CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS

## ORDINANCE No.1008

AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS IS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS FOLLOWED ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBIITY, DESIGNATED DRIVEWAYS, SIDE/REAR YARDS PARKING & STORAGE, STREET PARKING & PROHIBITED PARKING, NO PERMANENT RESIDENCY, PROOF OF INSURANCE & CURRENT REGISTRATION, ABANDONED VEHICLES, SWOPE PARK RV PARK, CITY & SEWER WATER SYSTEM. VEHICLE SIZE & RESTRICTIONS, EXCEPTIONS, VIOLATIONS & SNOW ROUTES.

**Recreational Vehicles - (also to be referred to as RVs):** means travel trailers, campers, converted buses and similar units, where self-propelled, pulled or hauled in which the design is primarily for highway travel without a special permit, and for short-term occupancy and/or temporary living quarters for recreational or travel use.

- A. A **Recreational Vehicle** may be parked and occupied on private property with the permission of and consent of the owner or tenant and must follow **Ordinance No. 1008** regulations and restrictions. The length of stay of occupied RV must not exceed seven days. (See section H for other source of stay.)
- B. **Property Owner Responsibility:** The property owner is responsible for compliance with this ordinance. The RV is owned by the property owner and/or tenant or is a guest of the property owner and is parked in the city limits of the **City of Cottonwood Falls**. The RV must be parked legally in a driveway, not extend over or block a public sidewalk. RVs cannot park in front of a fire hydrant, or extend or block driveway entrances, emergency routes, or prevent traffic flow. (See section D).
- C. **Designated Driveways or Side / Rear Yards Parking & Storage:** The **City of Cottonwood Falls** will allow designated driveways, side, or rear (backyard) parking of Recreational Vehicles. In addition, storing RVs can be stored under car ports and garages.
- D. **Street Parking and Prohibited Parking:** Long-term storage of boats, RVs and trailers on public streets is restricted. If the Recreational Vehicle is not removed from the street in a length of stay of thirty days the **City of Cottonwood Falls** will have the RVs towed at the expense of the owner. Exceptions can be made by the **City of Cottonwood Falls Council** when construction or remodeling is at the owners' or business address, arrangements must be made beforehand. All RVs are to be parked with the flow of traffic. As per *Kansas State Law – K.S.A. 8-1571- Stopping, standing or prohibited in specified places.* - **Stop Sign or Traffic Light:** 30 feet. **Intersection:** 20 feet. **Crosswalk:** 20 feet. **Fire Hydrant:** 15 feet. **Railroad Crossing:** 50 feet. **On a sidewalk.** At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- E. **No Permanent Residency:** No permanent resident(s) shall live in a Recreational Vehicle in the driveway at any residence, vacant lot, or abandoned residence in the city limits of **City Cottonwood Falls**, or on the streets of the **City of Cottonwood Falls**. Temporary residency would be an exemption when based on a remodel or damage to home. Time limit on this should be no longer than 30 days. The City Council would need to approve the temporary residency status beforehand and fill out a form on this request. Extensions must be approved. (See section H).
- F. **Proof of Insurance & Current Registration:** All Recreational Vehicles must obtain current registration and proof of insurance when parked on the city streets and property owner's address.
- G. **Abandoned Vehicles:** No abandoned RVs are allowed on properties or city streets in the city limits of **Cottonwood Falls**, as per Ordinance No. 999 - Motor Vehicle Nuisances, K.S.A. 8-126.

- H. **Swope Park RV Park:** Any non-resident of the **City of Cottonwood Falls** is required to use **City of Cottonwood Falls Swope Park** (KS Highway 177 & 210 Road) which has five paved RV Sites available for rent. Fourteen days is the length of time at Swope Park RV Park; extensions must be approved by the City Council. Call the city office: 620-273-6666 or email: [cityclerk@cwfks.org](mailto:cityclerk@cwfks.org) for more information on the extension.
- I. **City Sewer & Water System:** A Recreational Vehicle is not required to be connected to the city sewer system or to the city water system.

**Vehicle Size / Type Restrictions:** Recreational Vehicles, trailers, and boats cannot exceed the length of 35 feet in length in residential zones when parked on city streets or driveway. No restrictions are required of RVs when RV(s) are parked on personal property, (i.e., back yard / lot). No driveway entrances or exits are allowed to be blocked or partially blocked unless obtaining permission from the owner or tenant of the property. The owner of the RV must ask for written permission for exemptions from their neighbor or business owner for a temporary obstruction of driveway entrance, exit or parking space. Only for short-term deliveries would this be permitted, otherwise.

**Exceptions:** Written approval from the **City of Cottonwood Falls** may be required for special situations or non-compliant, special events, pre-existing, parking setups.

**Violations:** Any and all violations may be fined and ticketed by Law Enforcement, **Chase County Sheriff Office;** representing the **City of Cottonwood Falls** and/or **State of Kansas**. One time offense: Fine of \$100.00. A per day fine will be issued at the rate of \$50.00. Second offense: Fine of \$200.00. Each offense the fine will increase per increment of \$100.00. Any towing and additional charges will be added to the fine. All fines and additional charges must be paid to the Chase County Courthouse / Municipal Court. Office number: 620-273-8469. Address: 300 Pearl Street, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845.

**Snow Routes:** Parking is prohibited on designated Emergency Snow Routes when three or more inches of snow is forecast or on the ground. Violators are subject to fines and towing at the owner's expense.

Any ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective after adoption by the Governing Body, approval of the Mayor of the **City of Cottonwood Falls**, and the publication of summary of this ordinance in the Official City Newspaper, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-3007.

**Adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2026 and approved by the Mayor of Cottonwood Falls and Governing Body of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.**



William C. Sisson, Mayor of Cottonwood Falls



Tina Andrews, City Clerk of Cottonwood Falls

ATTEST:

CITY SEAL:

