

## Permits Not Required

It is hereby recognized that the temporary use of RVs for visiting pastors, speakers or choral groups, as well as for temporary evangelical gatherings where allowed, is common practice for Religious Facilities. As a result, RVs may be used for temporary shelter without need of a temporary use permit when used in connection with a lawfully established Religious Facility, subject to the following conditions:

1. Temporary business related to the religious facility on a non-fee basis.
2. The religious facility is allowed in the applicable zoning district either by right or approved special use permit.
3. The RV is self-contained or they are hooked up to appropriate electrical, well and sewer/septic facilities.
4. The extent of the stay does not exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days or one hundred and twenty (120) non-consecutive days in a calendar year.
5. The lot or parcel is at least one (1) acre in size and there is no more than one per acre of land on the premises at any one time, with a maximum of ten (10) RVs regardless of size.
6. RVs may also be used in accordance with the previous sections as designated by their applicable zoning districts



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## FAQs

**Q: Can I live in an RV on my own property?**

*A: Under no circumstances will an RV be permitted to serve as a permanent shelter or housing solution. An RV shall not be attached in any way to a permanent foundation or other structure, and shall not have any permanent connections to utilities*

**Q: Can a family member/friend live on my property in an RV?**

*A: Under no circumstances will an RV be permitted to serve as a permanent shelter or housing solution. A temporary use permit may be issued for a maximum of six months if an extreme hardship can be demonstrated.*

**Q: Can I park/store an RV on my property?**

*A: An RV can be store on the property provided that it is not being used for living quarters.*

**Q: Can I rent an RV that I have on my property for some-one stay in temporarily?**

*A: RVs may be used for temporary stays for a limited number of days, depending on your zoning district, on a non-fee basis only.*

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## Recreational Vehicle as Temporary Shelter

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## Permits Required

In the AG, AE and Residential Zoning Districts (RE, R-1, R-1A, R-1HA, R-2, R-2HA, and RMH), the temporary use of RVs for shelter may be allowed by Temporary Use Permit (TUP) as follows:

### 1. Land Clearing

- A) Maximum duration of the TUP for this purpose is 60 days.
- B) RV must be self-contained with no outside connections to electric, potable water, or sewage disposal
- C) All waste water and solid waste shall be disposed of at a licensed facility

### 2. During Home Construction

- A) All building and construction related permits have been secured and construction will commence within (90) days
- B) Payment of permit fee for the electrical and plumbing inspections for RVs which are not self-contained are required in addition to the TUP fee.
- C) The TUP is limited to a duration of six (6) months, subject to a ONE TIME extension if the Director or Designee finds that construction is diligently progressing. Maximum allowed time is 12 months.
- D) Use will discontinue within 30 days of the final inspection of the principal dwelling.

### 3. Extreme Hardship

- A) As determined by the Director or designee for medical emergencies, destruction of a principal dwelling, or other
- B) Maximum duration of six(6) months
- C) Can either be self-contained or lawfully connected to outside electrical, potable water, and sewage disposal.



### Recreational Vehicles as Temporary Shelters

are regulated by Section LDC 45-131 of the Putnam County Land Development Code. This section describes when a recreational vehicle may be allowed at a temporary shelter on property other than a lawfully established RV Park.

### Article 3 of the Putnam Count Land Development Code regulates the use of RVs in an RV Park.

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## Permits Not Required

RVs may be used in the Residential Zoning Districts without need of a temporary use permit under the following conditions:

### 1. Temporary Visits

- A) Non-fee basis
- B) Property owner, or family and friends of the property owner or occupant, with the owners permission
- C) RV must be self contained
- D) A visit does not exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days or one hundred and twenty (120) non-consecutive days in a given calendar year.
- E) Must be parked outside required setbacks
- F) No more than one RV on the premises at any one time.

RVs may be used in the AG or AE zoning districts without need for a permit under the following conditions:

- 1. Any AG or AE property that are less than one acre or less than 5 acres in a vested subdivision are regulated by the RV restrictions of the Residential Zoning Districts as shown above.

### 2. Temporary Visits

- A) Non-fee basis
- B) Property owner, or family and friends of the property owner or occupant, with the owners permission
- C) RV must be self contained or hooked up to appropriate electrical service, potable well, and sewer or septic facilities
- D) A visit does not exceed ninety (90) consecutive days or one hundred and eighty (180) non-consecutive days in a given calendar year.
- E) Must be parked outside required setbacks
- F) No more than one RV on the premises at any one time per acre, up to a maximum of ten (10) regardless of size.