



ORDINANCE NO. 2020-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SANDY, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND UPDATING THE BIG SANDY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 70: PARKING REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 152: ZONING REGULATIONS; PRESCRIBING CERTAIN POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Big Sandy, Texas (the “City”), finds it in the best interest of the health, safety and benefit of the citizens of Big Sandy to adopt and update the **City of Big Sandy Code of Ordinances Chapter 70: Parking Regulations**; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt this ordinance as an addition to the **City of Big Sandy Code of Ordinances Chapter 152: Zoning Regulations: Article 14: Special Provisions; Sec. 14-14. Recreational Vehicles**;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SANDY THAT:

Section I.

No recreational vehicle, travel trailer, motor home, boat, boat trailer, jet ski(s), or stock trailer shall be parked or stored on a public thoroughfare in any residential district. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the parking or standing of such vehicles upon the public thoroughfare in such zoned district for a period not to exceed 72 hours.

Parking on private residential property shall also comply with the following provisions:

- (1) The parking or storing of any vehicle, including but not limited to, trailers, farm implements, recreational vehicles, or forklifts, is prohibited on lots without a primary structure in existence that is actively occupied, used, and in possession of a valid certificate of occupancy. Undeveloped lots shall not have vehicles stored on them.

- (2) The parking or storing of a Recreation Vehicle in any residential district for any purpose other than for the storage of such vehicle is strictly prohibited. This includes temporary, short-term, or long-term use of the Recreational Vehicle as a habitation.

Section II.

Any resident failing to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day, up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and/or discontinuance of utility services by the City. Proof of a culpable mental state is not required for a conviction of an offense under this section. Each day a customer fails to comply with the

Ordinance is a separate violation. The City's authority to seek injunctive or other civil relief available under the law is not limited by this section.

Section III.

The City Council does hereby find and declare that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting adopting this Ordinance was posted at a designated place convenient to the public for the time required by law preceding the meeting, that such place of posting was readily accessible at all times to the general public, and that all of the foregoing was done as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the posting thereof.

Section IV.

Should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

Section V.

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this ordinance as an alternative method of publication provided by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage, and the caption and/or a summary shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Big Sandy, Texas.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Passed, approved and adopted by a vote of 4-0-0 as set out below at the City of Big Sandy City Council meeting held on the **18th day of August 2020** by the following vote:

AYES: Becky Desborough, David Fonteno, Andrew McIver, Rex Rozell


NAYS: None ABSENT: None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Sonny Parsons, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

Approved As To Form:

Robert Davis, City Attorney