

## City prohibits permanent parking on the grass in residential zones: recreational vehicles included

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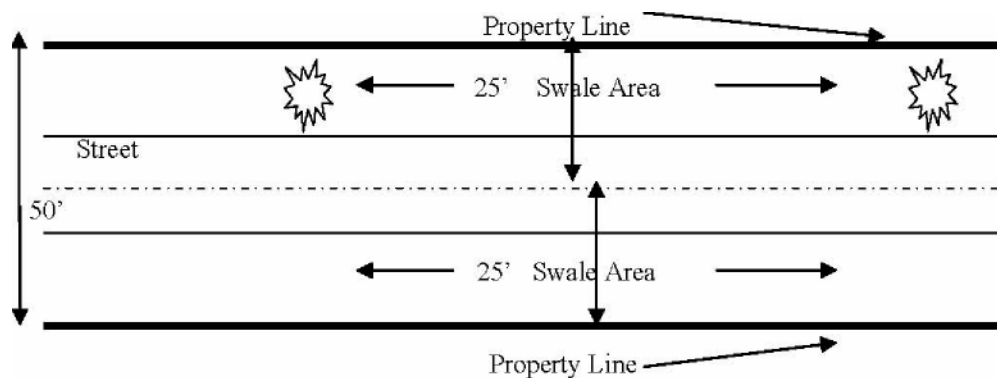
To promote citywide beautification the City adopted an ordinance that prohibits the parking of vehicles on lawns in the residential district. This ordinance will also regulate the parking of vehicles on publicly maintained properties. The City includes boat, boat trailers, RV's, and jet skis as part of the definition of a vehicle. As such this ordinance applies to these types of equipment.

The Department continues to enforce this ordinance in the single family zones of the City. Many existing driveways are not being used for the intended purpose. Instead the existing driveways are empty and vehicles are being parked on the grass area adjacent to them. **Residents are parking recreational vehicles such as boats or jet skis on grass areas as well.**

In order to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance, work performed to correct a situation may require a building permit. Prior to any work being performed, all residents are required to contact the Building Department to find out if a permit is necessary.

Call the Building Department with any questions in reference to the construction and development of driveways on private property, or the Code Enforcement and Licensing Department with any questions related to the enforcement of the ordinance indicated above. The Code Enforcement and Licensing Department's number is (305) 792-1705 and the Building Department's number is (305) 947-2150.

The Department also reminds residents that swale areas (in other words: right of ways) adjacent to their property (see diagram below), are areas required to be maintained by the property owner as outlined on Section 19-4 Miami Dade County Code as adopted by the City of Sunny Isles Beach.



The joint efforts of the City Commission and of those residents who wish to beautify the City are coming to fruition. As we all work together, all residential areas will be more attractive and our City will continue to move forward towards citywide beautification.

If you have any questions or concerns in reference to this issue please contact the Code Enforcement and Licensing Department at (305) 792-1705.