

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF ORDINANCES



ORDINANCE: 57 – 25

PASSED: October 14, 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 305.057 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OBETZ TO REGULATE BOX TRUCKS AND CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENTIAL WORK VEHICLE PERMIT PROGRAM, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, City Council is devoted to protecting the safety, character, and accessibility of residential neighborhoods within the City of Obetz; and

WHEREAS, the routine parking of box trucks and other large commercial vehicles in residential areas creates safety hazards, contributes to infrastructure deterioration, reduces available on-street parking, and detracts from neighborhood appearance; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that certain residents rely on work vehicles for their employment and should have a regulated process to keep such vehicles at their residence under limited, controlled conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OBETZ, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Section 305.057 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Obetz is hereby enacted to read as follows:

305.057 PARKING OF BOX TRUCKS AND CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

(a) For the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Box truck" means a motor vehicle with a single, rigid frame consisting of a driver's cab and an enclosed cargo area that is permanently affixed to the chassis and is designed for the transportation of goods, equipment, or materials.
- (2) "Commercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for commercial purposes, including but not limited to a box truck, step van, semi-tractor, dump truck, flatbed, bus, tow truck, food truck, sprinter van, full size passenger van, cargo van.
- (3) "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the maximum total weight a vehicle can handle.
- (4) "Permitted vehicle" means a box truck or other commercial vehicle to which a valid RWV permit has been issued.
- (5) "Residential street" means any public right-of-way or roadway located within a residential district, as defined in Section 1133.02 of the Codified Ordinances including any residential portion of a planned district.

- (6) "Residential work vehicle permit" or "RWV Permit" means a permit issued by the City in accordance with subsection (d) authorizing a specified resident to park a specified permitted vehicle on a resident street adjacent to the resident's dwelling, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by this section.
- (7) "Standard passenger vehicle" means a car, pickup truck, or sport utility vehicle (SUV), regardless of whether it is used for business purposes or displays business names or logos, so long as the vehicle:
 - (i) Is not equipped with or modified to include a box cargo body, boom arm or bucket, or flatbed;
 - (ii) Is designed and used for carrying not more than twelve passengers; and,
 - (iii) Does not exceed a GVRW of 10,000 pounds.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall park any box truck or other commercial vehicle on a residential street.
- (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to any of the following:
 - (1) Standard passenger vehicles;
 - (2) Vehicles actively being used for delivery, pick-up, or provision of a service to a residence, provided the activity is active, continuous, does not obstruct driveways or fire hydrants, and does not otherwise create a traffic or safety hazard.
 - (3) Vehicles associated with an active, permitted construction project, provided the project is located within five hundred (500) feet of the parking place.
 - (4) Vehicles owned or operated by the City, public utility, or emergency services personnel while the vehicle is being used in the provision of a service within a reasonable proximity to the residential street where it is parked.
 - (5) Vehicles that are issued a valid RWV Permit and that properly display such permit.
 - (6) Vehicles otherwise authorized by the City through a special event permit.
- (d) Residential Work Vehicle Permit.
 - (1) Purpose. The City may issue a RWV permit to allow the resident to park adjacent to the resident's dwelling, if such vehicle is necessary for the resident's occupation and meets all the standards set forth herein by this subsection (d). A RWV is not required to park a standard passenger vehicle on any residential street. No more than one RWV permit shall be issued per household. ,
 - (2) Application. Anyone seeking apply shall apply in the form and manner prescribed by the Police Chief. The City shall not issue an RWV permit unless the applicant demonstrates, at minimum, all of the following:
 - (i) The applicant is a resident of the City;
 - (ii) The vehicle is legally registered in Ohio; and,
 - (iii) The applicant is unable to park or store the vehicle in a private driveway or garage.
 - (iv) If the vehicle is a box truck, the cargo area does not exceed fourteen (14) feet.
 - (3) Standards. An RWV permit holder shall park the permitted vehicle legally and in such a way that does not block driveways, fire hydrants, mailboxes, or traffic control devices. The RWV permit holder shall park adjacent to or directly across from the residence. In no event shall the permit holder park or store the permitted vehicle on a residential street at a location more than two hundred (200) feet from the permit holder's residence.

- (4) Home Occupation Regulations Compliance. The City shall not issue a RWV permit to any person who is violating Section 1171.08 of the Codified Ordinances. If a home occupation permit is revoked in accordance with that section, any RWV permit issued in connection with the same property is automatically revoked by operation of law.
- (5) Visible Display of RWV Permit. The RWV permit holder shall display the permit in the windshield of the permitted vehicle on the driver's side such that it is clearly visible from the public right of way at all times when the permitted vehicle is parked on a residential street. Failure to properly display the RWV permit constitutes a violation of subsection (b) and may result in a citation, towing of the permitted vehicle, or revocation of the RWV permit.
- (6) Duration and Renewal. RWV permits are valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually. The City may revoke a RWV permit for any of the following reasons:
 - (i) The permit holder fails to comply with this section of Section 1171.08 of the Codified Ordinances;
 - (ii) The permit holder has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two (2) or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offences in a twelve (12) month period; or,
 - (iii) The permit holder no longer meets the requirements prescribed by subsection (d)(2).
- (7) Transferability. RWV permits are issued to a specified permit holder, residence, and address. A RWV permit is not transferable to another address, person, or vehicle.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. An offender who, within twelve (12) months of the offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Each day a box truck or other commercial vehicle is parked or stored in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.
- (f) Law enforcement may tow or remove, or cause towing or removal, of a box truck or other commercial vehicle parked in violation of this section at the owner's expense following a notice affixed vehicle at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such towing or removal. If law enforcement determines that the vehicle parked or stored in violation of this section poses an immediate traffic or safety hazard, law enforcement may tow or remove, or cause towing or removal, of the vehicle immediately, without such notice. The owner may request a hearing within five (5) business days pursuant to Section 303.99 or by filing a request for a hearing with the Clerk of Mayor's Court.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare, and safety such emergency arising from the need to immediately address the safety hazards posed by improperly parked vehicles to motorists and pedestrians; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Passed this 14 day of October, 2025

ATTESTS:

Stacey Boumis
Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council

Angela M Kirk
Angela M. Kirk, Mayor

Michael R Flaherty
Michael Flaherty, Council Pres. Pro-Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Eugene L. Hollins
Eugene L. Hollins, Esq, Law Director

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Pursuant to the City Charter, I, Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk of Council of the City of Obetz, Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance 57-25 was duly posted at 5:00 PM (time) on the 15 day of October, 2025, at the Obetz Government Center, Obetz Community Center, and Obetz Athletic Club as well as on the Obetz website.



Stacey Boumis
Stacey Boumis, Clerk

10/15/25
Date