PARKING ON FRONT AND SIDE YARDS

It’s prohibited to park or store any automobile, trailer, house trailer, camper, van, truck, pickup truck, recreational vehicle, boat or any vehicle equipment (whether or not motorized) upon the front yard (lawn) or side yard setback. All operable vehicles located in the front of residences must be parked in legal garages, carports, or on the paved driveway or surface. HMC 17.18.100 (e)

RESIDING IN VEHICLES OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

It’s prohibited within the city limits of City of Hanford for anyone to sleep in, cook in, or use for any other living purposes an automobile, trailer, house trailer, camper, van, truck or recreational vehicle. Fines began at $250.00 for Healthy & Safety violations. HMC 17.38.020 #2

RESIDENTIAL VEHICLE REPAIR

The City of Hanford authorizes citizens to perform minor routine maintenance repairs to their vehicles within a residential district.

Minor repairs such as changing the oil or replacing of the air filter, spark plugs, brakes, tires, etc… is authorized in public view but not upon the public street.

Major vehicle repairs such as, but not limited to, replacing the engine/transmission, or major auto bodywork is only authorized if such work is being conducted inside a legal garage.

While conducting vehicles repairs, it is the property owner’s responsibility to ensure that any and all fluids, oil, etc…. is not illicitly discharging into storm water drain system.
Parking Laws in City of Hanford

PARKING

It’s prohibited to park or leave standing any vehicle upon a street or alley in a residential district for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours (3 days). In the event that a vehicle has been previously marked by the Hanford Police Department and the vehicle has not been moved with the aforesaid 72 hours, the vehicle may be removed from the public street by tow per the California Vehicle Code. Hanford Municipal Code 10.16.030 (B)

ALL NIGHT PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES (Commercial/RV)

It’s prohibited to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle of any kind any time on any business district for a period of time longer than thirty (30) minutes between the hours of two a.m. and five a.m. of any day in the City of Hanford.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING

For residents conducting a permitted home occupation in a residential area, only one vehicle, no larger than a three quarter ton truck, may be used by the occupant directly or indirectly in conjunction with the home occupation. HMC 10.16.040

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

In any residential district, no recreation vehicle, including without limitation, camping trailer, boat trailer, utility trailer, boat pickup, camper, motor home, dune buggy, or similar vehicle/trailer shall be stored or parked within an enclosed side or rear yard or within a garage or carport except if a side or rear yard is not accessible due to existing legal permanent structures. A recreational vehicle or trailer may be parked in a driveway if it does not create a nuisance or safety problem. In no case, may a vehicle or trailer of any type be parked in the public street or alley way longer than seventy-two (72) hours or used as a residence. Vehicles or trailers may not be parked in or blocking the city right-of-way. HMC 17.38.020

CERTAIN PARKING PROHIBITED

It is prohibited in the City of Hanford to park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

A) Displaying a vehicle for sale;
B) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle.

PARKING ACROSS SIDEWALKS

The parking of any vehicle at any time, so as to obstruct the sidewalk is prohibited. Doing so inhibits the free movement of pedestrian traffic upon the sidewalk.

INOPERATIVE VEHICLES

In any residential district, all motor vehicles incapable of movement under their own power, other than in cases of emergency, shall be stored in an entirely enclosed space, garage or carport. Vehicles may have a custom fitted car cover and may be stored in an open area, provided it does not create a nuisance or safety problem. HMC 17.38.020 #3

INOPERATIVE DEFINED

An “operative vehicle” is one which: has no engine, radiator, transmission, drive shaft, gasoline tank, has less than four (4) wheels or tires, including flats, can not be started and caused to move under its own power a distance of at least two hundred (200) yards. Vehicles that are not registered, even though they have been issued a Certificate of Non-operation from DMV, are considered inoperative and if visible are in violation of the ordinance.