

**COUNTY OF GALVESTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
RV / 180-DAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE** – means a vehicle which is (I) built on a single chassis; (II) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections; (III) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (IV) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

It is required that recreational vehicles placed on sites within the community's one hundred year floodplain: (1) be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, (2) be fully licensed and ready for highway use or:

- a. In A-Zones - meet the requirements of Article 3, Section C and elevation anchoring requirements for "manufactured homes" in Article 5, Section B, Paragraph (6) of the Regulations of Galveston County, Texas for Floodplain Management.
- b. In V-Zones - meet the requirements in Article 3, Section C and Article 5, Section F, paragraphs (1) through (6) of the Regulation of Galveston County, Texas for Floodplain Management.

A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

A new permit must be obtained for each additional 180 days. The condition by which the permit was issued must be maintained or the permit could be revoked and utilities could be disconnected.

**EXEMPT RECREATIONAL VEHICLES** - means recreational vehicles stored on a homeowner's lot where the home already exists are exempt from the 180 day permit regulations. These vehicles must be unoccupied and not hooked up to water or sewer facilities. They must be licensed and road ready.