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Overnight Parking Etiquette

RVER'S GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Dear Fellow RVers,

The Good Neighbor Policy was created by the Escapees RV Club in the early 90s. Since then, it has become the industry-sanctioned code of conduct for overnight parking. We hope that the Good Neighbor Policy serves as a reminder that RVers must be respectful of communities they visit.

Some of the most respected RV consumer clubs have joined Escapees to support your right to park on private businesses' property overnight under the following code of conduct:

Industry-sanctioned Code of Conduct (RVers' Good Neighbor Policy)

- 1. Stay one night only!
- 2. Obtain permission from a qualified individual.
- 3. Obey posted regulations.
- 4. No awnings, chairs or barbecue grills.
- 5. Do not use hydraulic jacks on soft surfaces (including asphalt).
- 6. Always leave an area cleaner than you found it.
- 7. Purchase gas, food or supplies from them as a form of thank you, when feasible.
- 8. Be safe! Always be aware of your surroundings and leave if you feel to unsafe.

If your plans include touring the area, staying for more than one night, or necessitate conduct not within the code, please relocate to a local campground. It's the right thing to do!

Most of the complaints lodged regarding RV parking on business parking lots have to do with perceived abuse of the privilege and aesthetics. There are a variety of competing interests that were balanced to arrive at this industry-sanctioned code of conduct. As you can see, the code of conduct is nothing more than an RVers' "Good Neighbor" policy.

Not following the code has serious consequences and is detrimental to the rights of *ALL* RVers. Already, some municipalities have passed ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property overnight.

Please do not take offense with this letter; it is only provided as a reminder that RVers must be perceived as good neighbors, or there will be more pressure to institute state, county and local ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property.

We wish you safe and happy travels,

