

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE
TITLE VII, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 73: PARKING REGULATIONS, § 73.10
RESIDENTIAL PARKING**

WHEREAS IC 36-1-3-2 confers upon all local units the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

WHEREAS IC 36-1-3-6(b)(1) prescribes that any such exercise of power shall be authorized through enactment of an ordinance passed by the legislative body; and

WHEREAS the Town of Kouts is a municipal government located in Porter County, Indiana, which may pass and codify ordinances for its operation, all pursuant to IC 36-1-4 and IC 36-1-5; and

WHEREAS, to provide for the orderly development of the Town of Kouts, the Town Council has Amended Chapter 73 Section 73.10 Residential Parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Porter County, Indiana, that Chapter 73 Parking Regulations, Section 73.10 Residential Parking shall be amended in its entirety and shall hereafter read as follows:

§ 73.10 Residential Parking.

(A) Vehicles and trailers of any type parked in a residential district are required to be licensed and registered with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles or similar entity and must be parked on a hard surface.

(B) For the purposes of this section “**HARD SURFACE**” is defined to mean a surface that is paved and composed of concrete, asphalt (black-top), brick paving blocks. If the **HARD SURFACE** is a driveway, the portion of the driveway that serves as a point of ingress and egress from the roadway shall not be more than twenty-four feet wide. A hard surface shall extend under and 2 feet past the outside of the entire vehicle.

- (1) Vehicles and trailers that are parked on the rear or side yard, whether or not on a hard surface. May not be parked on said property in excess of five (5) days in a sixty (60) day period.
- (2) Vehicles and trailers that are parked on an owner's property that is not a hard surface for a social event or garage sale may do so, provided they do not remain impermissibly parked for longer than 24 hours.
- (3) Vehicles and trailers that are parked on an owner's property that is not a hard surface for the purpose of loading or unloading items, may do so as long as they do not remain on a non-hard surface for longer than 72 hours.

(4) No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on a lot that does not contain an occupied residence unless said vehicle or trailer is being actively used to construct a residence.

(C) Nothing contained within this section shall be construed to relieve property owners of the need to obtain any applicable permits, licenses, or variances that may be required elsewhere in this code.

(D) The fine or violation of division (A) shall be \$50 per day for each vehicle that is impermissibly parked. The property owner shall be responsible for the payment of all fines and applicable late fees.

(E) Any residence that has a gravel driveway or a gravel area used for parking a recreational vehicle existing on the effective date of the passage of this ordinance which does not conform with the provisions of this chapter shall be considered a lawful nonconforming use and may be continued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Kouts that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage and publication in accordance with IC 5-3-1.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Kouts, Porter County, Indiana, this 9 day of February, 2026.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KOUTS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

Tyler Brock, President

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ATTEST: Laurie Tribble, Clerk-Treasurer