

RV Parking in Pinal County

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In the fall of 2013 Pinal Code Enforcement and Planning Department started hearings for public input on RV parking in Pinal County. I attended two meetings...one in Casa Grande and one in Arizona City. The consensus I heard was that the vast majority of citizens wanted minimal restriction on their own RV parking and/or guest's RV parking. The vote results were up to 6 months for RV's on private lots that were either occupied or unoccupied. I was unable to attend any of the January 2014 meetings. However some of the things I have been told that were additionally mentioned are 1) a possible 20 foot plus or minus set-back from the front of any residence; 2) being too close to neighboring cement block fences or property lines; and fire hazards.

First I would like to address the number of RV complaints in the county which were reported to be 71. That number wasn't broken down to the number of complainers. (I personally believe it was a few people making multiple complaints!). I would point out that for unknown reasons to me I seem to have generated more than my share. In my case all three complainers would have to be classified as chronic (complain about many things often and to different departments). I don't really track this but believe my total to be 7 complaints. My most serious violations were that my motor home was plugged into electric power or that I was staying in it while preparing my newly purchase home. I think two complaints were that there were guests in their motor homes parked on my property. Note that I learned **none** of my immediate neighbors were complaining. All of the calls were from residents who lived several blocks to several miles away!

Let's take a minute to analyze this: 71 total complaints "vs." population of 375,770 = .00019%. How many of the 71 complaints were about set-back? .How many of the 71 complaints were parked too close to neighbors? .How many of the 71 complaints were about fire hazard? The answers would be interesting!!

Speaking for me and my acquaintances in Arizona City that are RVers, we bought here **because** there **wasn't** a Home Owners Association (HOA) and we were told that we could have our RVs on our property. It is obvious that the current 1962 regulation needs updating for multiple reasons including support for Pinal County agencies that are dealing with trivial complaints! **Let's keep** in mind the financial impact from snowbirds to operate Pinal County. There are lots of snowbirds. They are residents that are good citizens and bring economic stability. I believe fewer regulations is the way to go!