

Hello to the RV Parking Group! This is both catch-up and good news that is now in effect.

To begin, in January 2017 we (Rich and Ken) were granted an informal meeting in Maricopa with Senator Steve Smith. We presented a folder that included articulation of the problem with RV parking on private property in Pinal County and especially in the Thunderbird Farms zoning area. Senator Smith took our information to the Senate legal department. A short time later we received a reply that there was nothing that could be done under the current law. Needless to say we were discouraged.

Then on March 13, 2017 Ken received a phone call from Senator Smith saying that he was working with a House Member who was proposing changes for rural zoning via House Bill 2176. Rich and Ken would within minutes receive a phone call from Grant Hanna. The Legislative Research Analyst Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee was putting together an amendment that would include resolution of RV Parking in Rural Zoning. Rich and Ken worked with Grant to put together the desirable wording for the amendment. This was required by 2pm that same day! Grant's wisdom on what would likely pass regarding RV visitors...sixty days and a maximum of two RV's...was instrumental in the submission. Though we would have preferred more time and a higher number of RV's (3 or less), the compromise was critical in getting the amendment passed.

March 29th Senator Smith called to report that the amendment was passed and signed my Governor Ducey. It would be effective in 90days. You can look up the legislation at Arizona House Bill 2176. The amendment reads:

RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO TWO OR FEWER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-2102 THAT ARE NOT PARK MODELS OR PARK TRAILERS, THAT ARE PARKED ON OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR LESS THAN SIXTY DAYS AND FOR WHICH NO RENT OR OTHER COMPENSATION IS PAID.

Supervisor Smith and the head of Code Enforcement were kept aware of the state action. Therefore they would not continue with adopting a new Pinal County ordinance as of course such action would need to be changed after the "new amendment" came into effect.

Note that this new amendment only applies to Rural Zoning and not CR-3 Residential. Any changes or implementation in CR-3 will need to be worked out among the RV Parking Committee, Supervisor Smith, Pinal County code enforcement, and the rest of the Pinal County Supervisors. Your continued support and input is greatly appreciated and needed.

WE ALL do need to let Senator Steve Smith know how much we appreciate his hard work!

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