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- The Board's Community Development Committee directed the Planning Department to draft an amendment to the Hanover County Zoning Ordinance to address the parking of recreational vehicles (RVs) on properties in the residential districts
- The Zoning Ordinance does not specifically address the parking and storage of RVs in every residential district

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- In those districts where it does, the Ordinance provides that the parking of boat trailers, camp trailers and boats is permitted as an accessory use, generally in the following format:
  - Storage of a boat trailer or camp trailer or a boat not exceeding 32’ in length, but not in a front yard
  - However, the language is not consistent across all residential districts
- The proposed ordinance would permit the storage of properly licensed recreational vehicles, utility trailers, and boats in a side or rear yard or within a driveway

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- The regulations would provide for the following:
  - Storage of recreational vehicles, utility trailers, boat trailers, and similar vehicles, in the driveway for the residence or in the side or rear yard, in accordance with the following:
    - The vehicle has displayed thereon valid license plates and a valid inspection decal as required by state law for operation on public highways
    - The vehicle is not used for commercial purposes

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- In situations where the vehicle is parked in the driveway, the vehicle is located entirely within the improved area

- For the purposes of this section, the term “driveway” shall mean an improved roadway providing access for vehicles from a public or private road to a parking space, garage, or dwelling

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Recommendation:

- Authorize the Planning Commission to advertise Amendment 13-04 for Public Hearing