

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Re the City of Oakland's Temporary RV Pilot Program for Vacant Properties

Q: How long is the permit valid?

A: The permit is valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually. Please note the RV Pilot Program will sunset in July 2023 if the program is not renewed by the Oakland City Council.

Q: What is the cost of the permit?

A: The permit cost is \$650.00 annually.

A: Can I have more than one RV parked at my location?

Q: No, no more than one (1) Recreational Vehicle may occupy a vacant property.

Q: What utilities are required to qualify?

A: Proof of electricity, water supply, garbage pick-up, and sewage disposal required. Please note some services can be done offsite, such as sewage disposal, but verification must be provided.

Q: How do I obtain information about electricity?

A: Electricity can be obtained either through Pacific Gas & Electric (PGE)

https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/customer-service/home-services/renovating-and-building/renovation-and-building.page or a local solar power company.

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/solar-energy>

Generators are not an approved source of electricity under the RV pilot program.

Q: How can I obtain trash service?

A: Trash services can be obtained directly through to Waste Management

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/home>

Q: How can I obtain water service?

A: Water service can be obtained through East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), third-party water delivering service can be accepted with proof of contract, or by visiting your local trailer park that is equipped with a refill station.

Q: How can I obtain sewage disposal?

A: Sewage services can be obtained through East Bay Municipal Utility district (EBMUD),

<https://www.ebmud.com/customers/new-meter-installation/> or a third-party company that offers waste removal is acceptable with a proof of contract, or by visiting your local trailer park

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/trailer-haven-san-leandro> to see if they offer a dump station.

Q: Does the RV operator have to have a valid DMV registration?

A: Yes, a valid Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) registration and/or operating permit is required.

Q: How do I know if I qualify for the vacant property tax incentive?

A: For questions regarding Vacant Property Tax, please contact:

VacantPropertyTaxInquiry@oaklandca.gov

Q: Does rent control apply to RV tenants permitted through this program?

A: No, because the program does not permit renting out RVs for residential use. The only rental use allowed under the program is offering the land for rent to a tenant who will park and occupy the tenant's RV on the property. It is not lawful to rent out an RV for residential use except in established RV parks.

Q: Do I have to be an Oakland resident to participate in this program?

A: No, however, Oakland residents will be prioritized and only they will be listed on the City's webpage of RV owners interested in the program.

Q: Is there any financial assistance available for this program.

A: No, there is no current financial assistance available.