RV As Permanent (Or "Semi-Permanent") Home

According to the US Legal (Montana Secretary of State's interpretation of the Montana Annotated-MCA) an RV or "Motor Home" is defined as:

- Motor Home is a self-propelled vehicle that provides both transport and sleeping accommodation.
- The term mainly describes vans that have been fitted out, often with a coach-built body for use as accommodation.
- In the United States, the term "recreational vehicle" (RV) is more common for these vehicles. They are also called campervans.

In most cases, the authorities do not see an RV as a house or permanent living site since it is technically a motor vehicle. Also, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, an RV is for travel, recreational, and camping purposes.

So, in most cases, the cops/ code enforcement will at least give you a notice or warning about living in your RV or camper. Usually, this will come due to a neighbor complaint, but if they see it, they can ticket you as well under **4.04.040** of city code/ordinances of the City of Deer Lodge.

- Sleeping for a night or two might be okay but living there for weeks and months will eventually lead to a discussion with the authorities.

Disclaimer by the City of Deer Lodge:

The high Probability of sewer and water cross contamination is the City of Deer Lodge's main concern. The MCA allows for the City of Deer Lodge to set their own laws governing usage of the city sewer and water system for single residential homes/properties. The system is NOT set up for RV usage. It over taxes the system and the cost of the alterations to accommodate an RV is NOT being paid for by the landowner, or the RV resident, which is considered theft of services. The City of Deer Lodge recognizes the impact that cross contamination could have on our waterways/water systems, and with an untreated water supply this could severely impact the health of the citizens of Deer Lodge. **We are attempting to inform the public that RVs hooked up to City owned water and sewage is illegal. Currently, please remove RV from sewage and water as this is the first step of the warning system. If the RV is NOT disconnected the city reserves the right to give citations if necessary.**

Dump sites for RV's sewage and grey water are:

- The City of Rocker
- Indian Campground
- The old Pizza hut parking lot.