Is It a Good Rule?

IF IT'S ABOUT PARKING

Is there a parking shortage in your community? NO If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

Is parking trucks banned? YES If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

Has the rule been in place since the 1970s? YES It may be time to rethink the rule. Trucks are more widely accepted today; they're no longer the domain of just commercial business owners.

NO You should be specific.

YES YOU MAY BE IN THE CLEAR.

Does the rule address the types of trucks that are prohibited, describing size, height, length, weight and whether they have business logos plastered on their sides? YES YOU MAY BE IN THE CLEAR.

NO You should be specific.

IF IT'S ABOUT PETS

Does the rule mention a weight limit? NO If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

Do you plan to weigh animals as they enter the community? NO Didn't think so.

Really? YES You have better things to do. Try again.

NO GOOD RULE!

Does the rule address the animal's (and owner's) behavior? NO OK. Whatever you're regulating, be objective, specific and sure that you have the authority to regulate the matter.

YES GOOD RULE!

IF IT'S ABOUT A HOME

Is it about a home's exterior? NO You should be specific.

Are paint colors regulated? NO They should be. Go back to the drawing board.

NO OK. Whatever you're regulating, be objective, specific and sure that you have the authority to regulate the matter.

YES YOU DID IT! YOU CREATED A GOOD RULE!

Are specific colors homeowners can select mentioned? NO If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

YES YOU DID IT! YOU CREATED A GOOD RULE!

Are neighbors being impacted? NO If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

YES If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

ARE PETS

YES YOU DID IT! YOU CREATED A GOOD RULE!

NO Don't be vague.

YOU DID IT! YOU CREATED A GOOD RULE!

Are acceptable decibel levels described in the rule? YES YOU DID IT! YOU CREATED A GOOD RULE!

NO Loosen up!

Are there certain hours the noise restrictions are in effect? YES YOU DID IT! YOU CREATED A GOOD RULE!

NO Loosen up!

If you don't need the rule, you don't need the rule.

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