

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT POLICY/ORDINANCE
INTERPRETATION**

Interpretation No.: TT-01 (Travel Trailers)
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Question

What is the maximum allowed width for a travel trailer?

Applicable Ordinance Section(s)
§13.10.700-T

INTERPRETATION:

The maximum allowed width for a travel trailer is 8 ½ feet.

Reason

Although Section 13.10.700-T defines a travel trailer as “not larger than 8 feet by 40 feet,” the California Vehicle Code Section 35100(a) states that “[t]he total outside width of any vehicle or its load shall not exceed 102 inches [8 ½ feet], except as otherwise provided in this chapter.” Vehicle Code Section 630 defines a trailer as a vehicle. State Law in this case pre-empts the County’s definition so far as width is concerned. Therefore, the maximum width of a travel trailer is 8 ½ feet, not 8 feet.

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Date