

Town of Clearfield

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2005

Camping Ordinance

The Town of Clearfield, Juneau County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I — TITLE/PURPOSE

This Ordinance is entitled the Town of Clearfield Camping Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the installation; maintenance, parking and storage of camping trailers, camping units and motor homes. It is also designed to allow the Town to monitor the development of property within the Town in order to assure the provision of fire and other emergency services of residents within the Town. It is also intended to promote public safety and welfare including the prevention of vandalism and property offenses and the promotion of healthful and sanitary recreational opportunities.

SECTION II — AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town has the specific authority under s. 66.0119, s. 66.0435, s. 101.645 and s. 101.935 Wis Stats and Village Powers under s. 60.22 to adopt and enforce this Ordinance.

SECTION III — ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town, by this Ordinance, adopted on proper vote with a quorum and by a roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting and provides the authority to regulate, to license or to permit certain parking of camping units in the Town.

SECTION IV — DEFINITIONS

- A. "Camp" means to place tents, motor homes or camping units for the purpose of encampment on a temporary basis.
- B. "Camping Trailer" means a vehicle with a collapsible or folding structure designated for human habitation and towed upon a highway by a motor vehicle.
- C. "Camping Unit" means any portable device, no more than 400 square feet in area, including but not limited to a camping trailer, motor home, bus, van, pick-up truck or tent, but does not include a mobile home, manufactured home, or manufactured dwelling.
- D. "Mobile home" means any mobile home manufactured or assembled before June 15, 1976, which is, or was as originally constructed, designed to be transported by any motor vehicle upon a public highway and designed, equipped and used primarily for sleeping, eating and living quarters, or is intended to be so used; and includes any additions, attachments, annexes, foundations and appurtenances. "Mobile home" does not include any camping unit.
- E. "Motor home" means a motor vehicle designed to be operated upon a highway for use as a temporary or recreational dwelling and having the same internal characteristics and equipment as a mobile home.

SECTION V — LIMITATIONS ON CAMPING

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp, place or permit to be placed on the property any camping unit, camping trailer or motor home for a period of more than thirty (30) calendar days in a year unless located in a licensed and authorized public or commercial campground or mobile home park. Subject to terms and conditions consistent with the express intent of this Ordinance, an extension of this period up to an additional sixty (60) calendar days may be given upon written petition to the Township. Failure to petition before the expiration of the thirty (30) day timeframe shall be grounds for denial of the application. Non-property owners must have written permission from the property owner.

- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or permit to be placed or leave standing for more than thirty (30) days on any private or public land within the Township which is not otherwise licensed as a campground or mobile home park any camping unit, camping trailer, or motor home unless that unit is completely housed inside a building which is otherwise compliant with Township ordinances. At no time shall more than three (3) units be stored on an individual premise that also contains a permanent dwelling unit.
- C. Sanitary facilities must be provided for each camping unit, camping trailer or motor home and either in the form of a holding tank within each camping unit or a separate holding tank or septic system installed below ground according to requirements of Wisconsin and local laws, including administrative regulations, or in the case of camping units which are primarily intended for camping (and having no self-contained facilities or facilities suitable for connection to a permanent system), portable sanitary units to be emptied at an approved disposal site. No holding tank or portable unit shall be pumped out or dumped on the ground. An "approved disposal site" is a facility suitable for such purpose that has been duly certified or approved under Wisconsin and local laws.

SECTION VI — PENALTY PROVISIONS

Any person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, plus an award of its attorney's fees and costs for enforcement. Each day a violation exists or continues shall be considered a separate offense under this Ordinance. In addition, the Town Board may seek injunctive relief from Court of record to enjoin further violations.

SECTION VII — SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end; the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION VIII — EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in force from and after its introduction and publication as provided by statute.

SECTION IX

This ordinance becomes Ordinance No. 22–2005 of the Town of Clearfield Code.

The Town Clerk shall properly publish this Ordinance as required under s. 60.80 Wis Stats.

Dated this 16th day of March 2005. Published March 24, 2005.

Clearfield Town Board

/s/ Sharon Halverson, Chairman

/s/ Doug Duray, Supervisor

/s/ Ronald Lauden, Supervisor

Attest: /s/ Kathleen Davis, Clerk

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