

ORDINANCE NO. 379

AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE ACCEPTABLE AND LAWFUL FORMS OF CAMPING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greenland, Arkansas sees the need to define acceptable and lawful forms of camping within the city limits of Greenland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY GREENLAND, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: This ordinance is not intended to interfere with the citizens of Greenland, otherwise lawful, recreational and ordinary uses on their private property.

Camping on private property with the owner's consent is allowed provided there are adequate sanitary facilities.

Camping on private property without the property owner's consent is prohibited.

SECTION 2. CAMPING ON OR AT DESIGNATED CAMP AREAS: Camping is allowed on or at designated and approved camp areas provided there are adequate sanitary facilities.

SECTION 3. CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY: The streets, sidewalks, parks, and public areas within the city should be readily accessible and available to residents and the public at large. The use of these areas for camping purposes interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for which they were intended. Such activity can constitute a public health and safety hazard, which adversely affects neighborhoods and commercial spaces. The purpose of this section is to maintain streets, sidewalks, parks and other public areas within the city in a clean, sanitary and accessible condition and to protect the health, safety, and public welfare of the community. Camping on public property without a permit is prohibited.

The Mayor or his/her designee may issue a temporary permit to allow camping on city-owned property in connection with a special event, not to exceed 72 hours from the time of issuance, provided that the area to be camped on has adequate sanitary facilities.

There is no charge for the permit, however, there will be a \$150.00, refundable clean up fee to be paid to the Greenland City Recorder/Treasurer at the time the permit is issued. The clean up fee can be refunded, providing the area used for camping has been inspected and deemed clean.

SECTION 4. **CAMP OR CAMPING:** means sleeping, making preparations to sleep (including lying down or laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping), and/or storing personal belongings; the placement of tents, huts, tarps, temporary structures; parking of a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer, or mooring of a vessel or any other type of structure for living accommodation purposes.

Camping as defined in this section is prohibited and deemed a public nuisance, and the city may summarily remove a temporary shelter, bedding or personal belongings.

Staying, sleeping or camping in outbuildings, barns, sheds or any structure not designated as a residence and that does not provide adequate sanitary facilities, whether on private or public land is prohibited.


Staying, sleeping or camping in any type of motor vehicle whether on private or public land is prohibited, unless it is in a designated and approved camp area where adequate sanitary facilities are provided.

SECTION 5. **ENFORCEMENT:** Any sworn law enforcement officer with jurisdiction, shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance.

SECTION 6. **PENALTY:** Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$250.00 per occurrence, imprisonment, or both.

SECTION 7. **SEVERABILITY:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

PASSED AN APPROVED THIS 20th Day of February, 2024



Jim Renfrow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Misty McCard, City Recorder/Treasurer