

TOURIST CAMPS

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AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TOURIST CAMPS WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE.

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, it is deemed necessary to adopt this ordinance in accordance with Section 15.1-504, Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JAMES CITY COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS, to-wit:

SECTION I. Definitions.

(1) A tourist camp shall be construed to mean any lot, plat, parcel or tract of land as a place for camping or lodging purposes, whether equipped with tents, tent houses, huts, cabins, cottages, trailers, or not so equipped and also spaces for over-night or short time parking of sleeping or camping vehicles.

(2) A camp site is defined as a lot, piece, or parcel of land used as an overnight camping site where either a vehicle or tent is utilized for shelter. Camp sites or spaces shall be construed to mean that individual space occupied or proposed to be occupied for camping purposes.

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(3) A camping trailer will be construed to mean any trailer utilized as sleeping quarters and parked overnight for a short period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION II. Permits, License Tax, and Methods of Applying for permits.

(1) The location of tourist camps within James City County shall require a conditional use permit issued by the Commissioner of Revenue and shall be subject to a semi-annual license tax in the amount of \$50.00 per tourist camp, and no tourist camp shall commence to operate or continue to operate without the payment of such semi-annual license tax. Non-payment of license tax shall be cause for revocation of the license to operate a tourist camp.

(2) The Health Department of James City County shall be informed in writing of the developer's intention to erect a tourist camp and its specific location. The Health Department is to approve this on the basis of compliance with all requirements as to location, etc. All applications for permits shall be made to the Commissioner of Revenue in triplicate and shall include the following: A plan or drawing of the proposed tourist camp, including street layout and easements; area and dimensions of the site; the number, location and size of all camp sites;

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the location of service buildings and any other proposed structures; location of water and sewer lines, source of water supply, and method of sewerage disposal; the location and width of roadways and walkways; vicinity sketch showing location in reference to nearest road intersection and Magisterial District in which site is located; sketch showing recreational and parking areas and the dimension thereof.

(3) No permit shall be transferable. Every person holding such a permit shall give notice in writing to the Commissioner of Revenue within seventy-two hours after having sold, transferred, given away, or otherwise disposed of, interest in or control of any tourist camp. Such notice shall include the name and address of the person succeeding to the ownership or control of such tourist camp.

(4) Any person whose application for permit under this Ordinance has been denied may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Board of Supervisors.

(5) Whenever, upon inspection of any tourist camp, the Health Department finds that conditions or practices exist which are in violation of any provision of this Ordinance, or of any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, the Health Department shall give notice in writing to the

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person to whom the permit was issued; and, unless such conditions or practices are corrected within a reasonable period of time to be determined by the Health Department, the permit shall be suspended. At the end of such period, the Health Department shall reinspect such tourist camp, and if such conditions have not been corrected, they shall give notice in writing to the person to whom the permit is issued that the permit has been suspended. Upon receipt of notice of suspension, such person shall cease operation of such tourist camp.

(6) Any person whose permit has been suspended or who has received notice from the Health Department that his permit will be suspended unless certain conditions or practices at the tourist camp are corrected, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Board of Supervisors; provided, that when no petition for such hearing shall have been filed within five days following the day on which permit was suspended, such permit shall be deemed to have been automatically revoked.

(7) Area Requirements: Each camp site within a tourist camp shall contain at least 800 square feet in area. Each camp site space will be numbered serially by a suitable marker.

(Section II. cont. and Section III.)

(8) Sanitary Facilities: Water and sewer facilities are subject to approval and inspection by the County Health Department and may be either public facilities or privately owned sewer and water systems. A privately owned central sewage disposal plant may be provided for an entire tourist camp. Installation of water and sewerage systems, and street lighting must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

(9) Outside Toilets Forbidden: No tourist camp shall have any outside toilet or toilet facilities which are not connected to a sewage disposal system, either public or private.

(10) Other Facilities: Adequate sewage disposal facilities shall be provided for self-contained toilets of camping trailers.

(11) Location-Drainage: The tourist camp shall be located on a well drained site, and shall be so located that its drainage will not endanger any water supply.

(12) Time Requirements: The maximum length of stay in any tourist camp by an individual person or persons shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION III: Registration of Occupants and Reporting of Communicable Diseases.

(1) Every tourist camp owner or operator shall maintain a register containing a record of all occupants

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using the tourist camp. Such register shall be available to any authorized person inspecting the park, to the Commissioner of Revenue of James City County, any law enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties, or such person designated by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be preserved for a period of not less than three years. Such register shall contain the following information:

- (a) Name and address of every person furnished lodging.
- (b) Automobile or tow vehicle license number and make, and state registration.
- (c) The numerical camp site space to which assigned.
- (d) Date of arrival.

(2) Every owner, operator, attendant, or other person operating a tourist camp shall notify the local Health Department immediately of any suspected communicable or contagious disease within the tourist camp. In the case of disease diagnosed by a physician as quarantinable, such owner, operator, attendant, or other person operating a tourist camp shall not acquiesce in the departure of the persons involved, or removal therefrom of clothing or other articles which have been exposed to infection, without approval of the Health Department.

(Sections IV, V, and VI.)

SECTION IV: Conformance.

Additional expansion to an existing tourist camp shall conform to these regulations.

SECTION V:

It shall be unlawful to allow any camping or parking in a tourist camp unless a camp site is available, except 15% emergency overflow overnight facilities may be provided. It shall be unlawful to operate a tourist camp, without first being issued a Conditional Use Permit by the Commissioner of Revenue.

SECTION VI: Overnight Camping.

No overnight camping shall be allowed in James City County, except within a licensed tourist camp, without written permission from the property owner or owners and provided no charge is made.

This Ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 1965.