

Chapter 7.12

CAMPING

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Section 1. Purpose. Public places within the Town of Superior should be readily accessible and available to residents and the public at large. Private property should be free of encumbrances for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the private property owner. The use of these areas for camping purposes interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for which they were intended. Such action can constitute a public health and safety hazard which adversely impacts public property, neighborhoods and commercial areas. The purpose of this section is to maintain public places within the Town of Superior in a clean and accessible condition, to prevent the accumulation of trash and debris, and to reduce the risk of both structural and brush fires. This section also protects the property of a non-present owner.

Section 2. Definitions. Unless the particular provisions or the context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in this section shall govern the construction, meaning and application of the words and phrases used in this section.

A) Public place- means public property or public right of way, improved or unimproved, and includes, but is not limited to, open space, parks, highways, streets, bridges, alleys, driveways, sidewalks, and walkways.

B) Private property- means property owned by any person, partnership, association, business, or corporation, and includes, but is not limited to, parking lots or other publicly accessible areas of private property.

C) Camp- means to pitch or occupy camp facilities; or to use camp paraphernalia, for living purposes in an outdoor area. The act of sleeping on its own does not constitute camping.

D) Camp facilities- include, but are not limited to, tents, recreational vehicles, other vehicles, huts, unapproved shacks or temporary shelters.

E) Camp paraphernalia- includes, but is not limited to, tents or tent-like structures, cots, beds, hammocks or personal cooking facilities and similar equipment. This definition shall not include blankets, or bedrolls.

Section 3. Unlawful Camping. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp within the Town of Superior:

A) At any time on private property without the explicit permission of the property owner or their authorized representative.

B) In or upon any public place, unless otherwise specifically authorized, from May 1 through October 1 of each year.

C) In or upon any public place, unless otherwise specifically authorized, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, from October 2 through April 30 of each year. Specific authorization may be obtained from the appropriate public agency.

Section 4. Unlawful Waste Disposal. It is unlawful for any person to dump or deposit any sink water or sewage from a motor vehicle or vehicle designed for camping anywhere except in a disposal site approved by the Mineral County Environmental Health and Planning Department in accordance with the Mineral County Wastewater Treatment System Regulations.

Section 5. Violations; Penalties. Unless otherwise provided, any person who violates this Section, after a twenty-four (24) hour period, shall be punishable as follows:

A) Upon the first conviction, by a fine of not more than \$100.

B) Upon the second conviction, within one year after the first conviction, by a fine of not more than \$200.

C) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, within one year after the first, shall be punishable as provided in Section 1.08.010 of the Town Code.

Each day the violation is in existence may be considered a separate violation.

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