

Town of Belgrade

Ordinance Prohibiting Loitering and Camping in and On Public Streets, Public Places, or Municipal Buildings.

1. Prohibition.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, loaf, wander, stand or remain idle either alone or in consort with others in a public place in such manner so as to commit in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public sidewalk, or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress and regress therein, thereon and thereto.

- b. It shall be unlawful to camp, sleep, or remain upon the grounds of any municipal building or any municipal building, municipal cemetery, public parks, fields or woodlands, public streets, public highways, public sidewalk, or any other Town owned, controlled or maintained property between the hours of 9:00 pm to 5:00 am, unless such person is in lawful employment, participating in a program or activity sponsored or authorized by the Town or unless such person has the prior written authorization of the Town Manager to be on said property during the aforementioned hours. In considering a request for authorization to be on said property during these hours, the Town Manager shall consider the purpose of the request/use, whether the use would unreasonably disturb persons who occupy property adjacent to the property in question, whether the use will cause damage to the property from destruction or overuse, and whether adequate facilities exist to support the proposed use. When authorizing any such use, the Town Manager may designate the specific area within Town property where the use shall be permitted, based upon the foregoing criteria.

2. Enforcement and Violations.

- a. When any person causes or commits any of the conditions enumerated in Section 1 of this Ordinance, the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Manager, or any law enforcement officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing such conditions and to move on or disperse. Any person who fails or refuses to obey such orders will be in violation of this Ordinance.

3. Definitions. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms have the following meaning:

- a. "Camp" means: to occupy a recreational vehicle, tent, or motor vehicle as temporary living quarters. "Camp" also means to park a recreational vehicle or motor vehicle on a street or in a municipal parking lot for three or more

consecutive hours between the hours of 11:50 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day unless the recreational vehicle is unoccupied the entire time it is parked there.

- b. "Municipal Parking Lot" means: any parking area, publicly owned.
- c. "Recreational Vehicle" means: a vehicular-type portable structure, without permanent foundation, which can be towed, hauled, or driven over the road and which is primarily designed as a temporary living accommodation for recreational, camping and travel use, including, but not limited to, travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, and self-propelled motor homes.

Approved by warrant article on the March 16, 2024, Town Meeting

Dated: April 2, 2024, 2024

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