

1 **CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE**

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4 The Town Board of the Town of Menomonie does ordain as follows:

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6 Section 1. Campground Ordinance.

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8 1. Scope of Regulations.

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10 (a) The provisions in these regulations shall apply to the owner and/or
11 operator of any campground or camping resort as defined in this
12 ordinance.
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14 (b) When strict compliance with these regulations appears to be impractical
15 and satisfactory proof is provided in writing to the Town, the Town Board
16 may approve modifications. Any and all modifications must safeguard
17 public health, safety, and welfare at a level not less than the original intent
18 of this ordinance.

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20 2. Definitions.

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22 (a) **Campground** means any parcel or tract of land owned by a person, state
23 or a local government, which is designed, maintained, intended or used for
24 the purpose of providing sites for non-permanent overnight use by 4 or
25 more camping units, or by one to 3 camping units if the parcel or tract of
26 land is represented as a campground.
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28 (b) **Sanitary Station** is a facility used for removing and disposing of wastes
29 from recreational vehicle holding tanks.
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31 (c) **Recreation vehicle** means any of the following: (Reference Chapter
32 348.07, Wisconsin Statutes, concerning over-all length of vehicles and
33 combinations thereof).
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35 1. **Travel Trailer** is a vehicular portable structure built on a chassis
36 designated to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel,
37 recreational and vacation uses, and permanently identified as a
38 travel trailer by the manufacturer of the trailer.
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40 2. **Pickup Coach** is a structure designed to be mounted on a truck
41 chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation, and
42 vacation.
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44 3. **Motor Home** is a portable, temporary dwelling to be used for
45 travel, recreation, and vacation and constructed as an integral part
46 of a self-propelled vehicle.
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48 4. **Camping Trailer** is a canvas or folding structure mounted on
49 wheels and designed for travel, recreation, and vacation use.
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5. **Tent** is a portable lodge of canvas, cloth, or other similar materials stretched and sustained by poles and/or ropes.
- (d) **Overflow Camping.** Parcel of land that is normally designated as the mapped campground and not having designated sites.
- (e) **Camping unit** means any portable device, no more than 400 square feet in area, used as a temporary dwelling, including but not limited to a camping trailer, motor home, bus, van, pick-up truck or tent.
- (f) **Group campsite** means a piece of land within the campground for overnight camping use by more than 6 campers.
- (g) **Dependent Recreational Vehicle** is a recreational vehicle that is dependent upon camp facilities for toilet and lavatory.
- (h) **Self-Contained Recreational Vehicle** is a recreational vehicle that can operate independent of connections to sewer, water and electric systems. It contains a water-flushed toilet, lavatory, shower and kitchen sink. All of which are connected to water storage and sewage holding tanks located within the recreational vehicle.
- (i) **Recreational Vehicle Parking Area** is a parcel of land in which two (2) or more spaces are occupied or reserved for occupancy by recreational vehicles using the campground.
- (j) **Service Building** is a structure that has toilet, lavatory and such other facilities as may be required by this Ordinance.
- (k) **Campsite** is a parcel of land in a developed campground or camping resort for the placement of a single recreational vehicle and for the exclusive use of its occupants, for camping purposes only.
- (l) **Person** is defined as an individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, municipality, county, town, state, federal agency, whether tenant, owner, lessee, licensee or their agent, heir or assign.
- (m) **Screens/Buffers:** A planting of fast growing material capable of reaching a height of ten feet (10') or more. The individual plantings shall be numerous enough and arranged so that within ten (10) years they would form a screen equivalent to a solid fence or wall. Such permanent planting shall be grown or maintained to a height of not less than ten feet (10').
3. Lawful campgrounds that were established before this ordinance may continue even though they may not conform to the provisions in this Ordinance. However, such campgrounds must comply with SECTIONS 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 in this ordinance. If an existing campground expands, the expansion is subject to all parts of this ordinance.

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4. Location of Campgrounds. Campgrounds shall be located in accordance with the requirements of the Dunn County Zoning Ordinance. The location shall be subject to approval by the Town to minimize conflicts with other development.
5. Campground Plan.
 - (a) General. Every campground shall be located on a well-drained area not subject to intermediate flooding. The premises shall be properly graded to prevent the accumulation of storm water or other waters that may create hazards to the property or the health and safety of the occupants. No campground shall be located in an area where filth from drainage can be deposited thereon.
 - (b) No campsite shall be located in a flood plain.
 - (c) Soil and Ground Cover. Exposed ground surfaces in parking areas shall be paved or covered with stone or other solid material or protected with a vegetative growth to prevent erosion and eliminate dust.
 - (d) Size and Density. The minimum size of a campground shall be five (5) acres. The maximum number of campsites shall be fifteen (15) per acre.
 - (e) Each camping unit shall be separated from other camping units by a distance of not less than fifteen feet (15'). Minimum dimensions of a campsite shall be twenty-five by forty-five feet. (25' x 45') *The number of additional tents and screen tents on a site will be at the discretion of the campground operator.*
 - (f) Parking. There shall be one and one-half (1½) automobile parking spaces for each campsite.
 - (g) Screens/Buffers. All campgrounds shall be designed to blend in with the surrounding environment to the greatest possible extent. When applying for a permit, the campground representative shall present a landscaping plan describing the proposed screening to the Town Board. The buffer or screen shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements as described in this ordinance. The Town Board may modify, approve, or deny the plan.
 - (h) State Regulations. Campgrounds shall conform to the requirements of HFS 178 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code as amended.
6. Water Supply. The campground water supply shall conform to the State regulations and be subject to approval by the Town.
7. Waste and Garbage Disposal.
 - (a) All liquid waste from showers, toilets, laundries, faucets, lavatories, etc., shall be discharged into a private system.

153 (b) A campsite designed to serve a dependent unit shall be provided with
154 sewer connections that shall comply with the State Plumbing Code or with
155 containers designed for the proper disposal of waste. The sewer
156 connection shall be provided with suitable fittings so that watertight
157 connections can be made. Such connections shall be constructed so they
158 can be closed when not connected. They shall all be properly trapped and
159 maintained in an odor-free connection.
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161 (c) All sanitary facilities shall be designed for the proper disposal of waste.
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163 (d) Each faucet shall be equipped with facilities for drainage of excess water.
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165 (e) The storage, collection, and disposal of refuse shall not create health
166 hazards, rodent attractions, insect breeding areas, accidents, fire hazards,
167 or air pollution. All refuse containers shall be fly-proof, rodent-proof,
168 water tight, and sufficient to serve the needs of all tenants.
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170 8. Service Building(s) and Accommodations.
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172 (a) The campground shall have a suitable building(s) for housing toilets,
173 lavatories, showers and slop sinks. The building(s) shall be located not
174 closer than twenty-five feet (25') from any campsite. The building(s) shall
175 be of permanent construction and adequately lighted, screened, and
176 ventilated.
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178 (b) There shall be provided separate toilet rooms for each sex. Toilets shall be
179 provided for each sex in ratio specified in State Regulations.
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181 (c) Separate bathing facilities for each sex shall be provided in accordance
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184 (d) The above accommodations shall be based on the total camp capacity
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187 (e) Floors of buildings shall be of concrete, tile or similar material impervious
188 to water and easily cleaned and drained by means of a floor drain.
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190 9. Plumbing, Electrical and Building Codes. All plumbing, electrical, building, and
191 other work at a campground licensed under this Ordinance shall be in accordance
192 with the provisions of this Code and the requirements of the Town, County, and
193 State Plumbing, Electrical and Building Codes and the regulations of the State
194 Board of Health. Licenses and permits granted under this Ordinance shall grant
195 no right to erect or repair any structure, plumbing work or electrical work.
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197 10. Management.
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199 (a) In every campground there shall be located an office or place of
200 registration. A copy of the camp license shall be posted therein and the
201 camp register shall be kept in said location.
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203 (b) The attendant or person in charge shall:

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1. Keep a register of all campers:
 - a. Names and addresses.
 - b. Dates of entrance and departure.
 - c. License numbers of all vehicles, trailers and towed vehicles
 - d. States issuing such licenses.

 2. Maintain the campground in an orderly and sanitary condition

 3. Insure that the provisions of this Ordinance are complied with and enforced. Report promptly to the proper authorities any violations of this Ordinance or any other violations of law.

 4. Report to the Health Officer all cases of persons or animals infected or suspected of being infected with any communicable disease.
11. Length of Stay. The maximum continuous habitation allowed in a campground is Seven (7) continuous months. After seven months the camper must vacate from that campground for a Five-month minimum period. In unusual circumstances the Town Board, at its sole discretion, may grant an exception to this provision. *The purpose of this provision is to insure sites do not become permanent residences. This provision shall not apply to storage of units on the campground when not occupied.*
12. Penalties. Penalties for violation of this ordinance shall be as follows: Any person, firm or corporation who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and if the forfeiture is not paid shall be added to the property tax. Thirty (30) days after the conviction if the violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense.
13. Campground License. It shall be unlawful for any person to establish and/or operate a campground in the Town of Menomonie without having first secured a license from the Town Clerk. The original application for each license shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 and shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The license is in effect for one year and must be renewed annually. Application shall be in writing and shall contain the following:
- a. The name and address of the applicant.
 - b. The location and legal description of the campground.
 - c. The complete plan of the campground.
- Such application shall be made to the Town Board and must be first approved by the Board before the Clerk shall issue the campground license. All campgrounds shall comply with Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS 178, hereby adopted by reference.
14. Restrictions.

- 255 a. All campgrounds shall have quiet time from 11 PM until 8 AM.
- 256 b. Campground lighting shall be shielded so the light is directed down.
- 257 c. Live bands or amplified music will not be allowed between 8PM and
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261 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after its publication as provided in
262 Section 66.50(1), Wisconsin Statutes.

266 APPROVED THIS 12th day of November 2008.

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Frank Bammert – Chairman

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Francis Eiseth, Supervisor

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Neil Koch, Supervisor

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Leslie Hulburt, Clerk

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