

# TOWN OF BLUE RIVER, COLORADO

## STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor & Board of Trustees  
THROUGH: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager  
FROM: Molly Schultz, Deputy Town Attorney  
DATE: October 17, 2023

SUBJECTS: **Ordinance No. 2023-04.** Camping Prohibited.

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The attached Ordinance is proposed for the Board of Trustees' consideration to amend the Land Use Code to clarify that camping and RV use is prohibited in the Town unless expressly authorized by the Town.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to preserve the mountain character and residential nature of the Town and to preserve the environment.

Camping has the potential to create congestion, unwanted noise, sanitation problems, unsightly visual conditions, and risk of fire.

Recreational vehicles used for overnight accommodation also present a similar concern as camping.

The Board of Trustees should be aware of the potential for property owners to lease their properties for camping sites or to allow for the parking of RVs for profit. This type of commercial use of property is likely given the attractiveness of Blue River for these uses and can change the character of the Town.

With this Ordinance, staff is seeking to protect the integrity of neighborhoods, preserve public streets, rights-of-way, and parks for their intended public purposes, ensure the proper use of property in conformity with zoning and land use, and promote public health and safety.