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CODE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND

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2. Items that have no apparent value, utility or are in unsanitary condition may be immediately discarded.
  3. Weapons, controlled substances other than prescription medication, and items that appear to be either stolen or evidence of a crime shall be retained and disposed of by the Police Department in accordance with applicable legal requirements for the property in question.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the City Manager or designee may temporarily authorize camping or storage of personal property on public property by written order the specified the period of time and location:
- A. In the event of emergency circumstances; or
  - B. In conjunction with a public assembly, special event or temporary use permit.

[Section 5.710 added by Ord. #2021-09 passed October 5, 2021 (as Safe Parking and Vehicle Camping)]

[Section 5.710 amended by Ord. #2023-02 passed March 14, 2023]

[Section 5.710 amended by Ord. #2023-04 passed May 9, 2023]

**5.715 Penalties and Enforcement (Camping).**

1. Violation of any provisions in Section 5.700 et al is a Class C violation pursuant to the City Code and may result in a violation of ORS Chapter 153. Each day that a violation occurs will considered a separate offense.
2. In addition to any other penalties that may be imposed, any campsite used for overnight sleeping in a manner not authorized by Section 5.710 or other provisions of the City Code shall constitute a public nuisance and may be abated as such and in accordance with State law.

[Section 5.715 amended by Ord. #2023-02 passed March 14, 2023]

**5.720 Safe Parking and Vehicle Camping Guidelines.** Safe parking, provided through overnight camping and transitional overnight parking accommodations as described in this section, is intended to be used on a limited basis for emergency or transitional shelter purposes by individuals, families, or households who lack permanent or safe shelter. Vehicle-camping is hereby authorized, subject to the standards and requirements set forth below:

1. Vehicle-camping is limited to properties operated by a religious institution or place of worship, non-profit, public, or commercial entity, and not currently used for a residential use. Vehicle-camping is not allowed within the Downtown Overlay District (DOD) or on Limited Service Commercial (C-4) zoned properties without City Council approval.
2. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Redmond City Code, persons may sleep overnight in a vehicle on a premises by an entity that owns or leases real property on which a structure and an associated parking lot are located, provided:
  - A. That said persons have obtained the permission of the Person in Charge.
  - B. The property owner has applied for and received approval for operation and registers the location with the City's Community Development Department.
  - C. The property owner agrees to abide by all conditions, including acceptance of liability and demonstration of insurance coverage in amounts acceptable to the City.
3. A person in charge who allows a person or persons to sleep overnight in a vehicle on the premises pursuant to this section shall:
  - A. Not grant permission for more than six (6) vehicles used for sleeping to utilize the parking lot at any one (1) time.

- B. Provide or make available on the premises sanitary facilities including, but not limited to, toilet, handwashing, and trash disposal facilities at all hours people are authorized to be present for overnight parking.
  - C. Require all vehicles used for camping be licensed, and operable.
  - D. Not require payment of any fee, rent, or other monetary charge for overnight sleeping in a vehicle as authorized by this section.
  - E. Not allow open flames at the premises, or within vehicles unless contained in a Recreational Vehicle (RV) currently titled and registered with the State of Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.
  - F. Develop reasonable policies that set out:
    - 1. How individuals who may stay on the premises will be selected.
    - 2. How many continuous days someone may stay at the premise.
    - 3. What supervision will be provided.
    - 4. What structures or other items may be placed on the premises.
    - 5. Any other safety or aesthetic requirements for staying on the premises.
4. A person in charge who permits overnight sleeping in a vehicle pursuant to this section may revoke that permission at any time and for any reason. Any person who receives permission to sleep on a premises as provided in this section shall leave the premises immediately after permission has been revoked. The owner-operator has the right to refuse entry or discontinue use for any individual.
5. Parking spaces used for vehicle camping, and storage and sanitary facilities are located at a minimum:
- A. No less than 10 feet from property lines of the premises/subject site.
  - B. Storage and sanitary facilities are no less than 20 feet from property lines.
  - C. Clear of pedestrian walkways, fire lanes, or other emergency access areas, or areas needed for corner vision or sight distance.
  - D. Applicable siting standards are subject to specific site constraints.
6. Camping is prohibited within 500 feet of a Safe Parking and Vehicle Program site permitted by the City.

[Section 5.710 amended by Ord. #2023-02 passed March 14, 2023]

[Section renumbered from 5.710 to 5.720 amended by Ord. #2023-02 passed March 14, 2023]

**5.725 Enforcement (Safe Parking and Vehicle Camping).**

- 1. This section shall not be construed to abrogate or limit the jurisdiction or authority of the Redmond Police Department or any other law enforcement agency.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the City Manager or designee may:
  - A. Revoke authorization for safe parking programs and vehicle camping for violations of the requirements of this section.
  - B. Prohibit safe parking programs and vehicle camping on a property if the City finds that any activity related to safe parking or vehicle camping on that property constitutes a nuisance or other threat to the public welfare.
- 3. Nothing in this section of this code creates any duty on the part of the City or its agents to ensure the protection of persons or property with regard to permitted safe parking programs and vehicle camping accommodations.

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