

Ordinance 306– Camping Prohibited on Public Streets and Property

Town of Ranchester, Wyoming

Section 5-5-185. Camping Prohibited on Public Streets and Property

Definitions

For purposes of this Section, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. Camping means the use or occupancy of any area for overnight lodging, sleeping, or habitation, whether in a motor vehicle, camper, trailer, tent, shelter, sleeping bag, or other temporary structure or device.
- b. Campsite means any location where camping occurs, including but not limited to a street, alley, public right-of-way, sidewalk, park, parking lot, or other public property.
- c. Public property means any property, interest, or real estate owned, leased, or under the control of the Town, including streets, sidewalks, alleys, rights-of-way, parking lots, and public parks.

Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person to camp, establish, or maintain a campsite on any public street, alley, right-of-way, parking lot, sidewalk, or public property within the Town limits, except as expressly authorized by the Town.

Exceptions

This prohibition shall not apply to:

- 1. Designated areas – Camping within Town-operated or authorized campgrounds or areas specifically designated for camping.
- 2. Emergencies – Temporary camping due to mechanical breakdown, medical emergency, or severe weather, provided the occupant vacates within twenty-four (24) hours
- 3. Special events – Camping authorized pursuant to a permit issued by the Town for a special event, festival, or community activity.

Penalties

Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.