

**ORDINANCE BILL NO. 2 FOR 2023**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**SWEET HOME ORDINANCE AMENDING SHMC CHAPTER 10.08, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, WITH EXPEDIENCY CLAUSE**

WHEREAS, Motor Vehicle Camping, or the use of a motor vehicle as a temporary place to live has real and detrimental effects on all areas of the City; and,

WHEREAS, Recent court decisions protect the right of individuals to obtain shelter; and,

WHEREAS, As the public health and safety effects of motor vehicle camping need to be addressed as soon as possible, an expediency clause has been included in this ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE,

The City of Sweet Home does ordain as follows:

Section 1. SHMC §10.08.035 is created to read as follows:

**10.08.035 MOTOR VEHICLE CAMPING IN PUBLIC PARKING AREAS AND WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

- A. Except as permitted in subsection B of this section, the use of a motor vehicle as a temporary place to live, also known as vehicle camping, is prohibited within the City of Sweet Home when the motor vehicle is parked within a publicly owned parking area or within any public right-of-way.
- B. Motor vehicle camping is permitted at the Sweet Home Police Department Parking Lot, however this location may be changed or other locations added as determined by City Council resolution. Motor vehicle camping at approved locations is only permitted under the following conditions:
  - 1. Motor vehicle camping may occur between the hours of 9 pm and 8 am,
  - 2. The motor vehicle must be operational and capable of moving under its own power.
  - 3. The motor vehicle must be parked entirely within a marked parking space.
  - 4. Recreational vehicles, as defined in SHMC §10.28.010, are not permitted.
  - 5. Any associated personal property must be stored within the vehicle.

Section 2. EXPEDIENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby adjudged and declared by the Sweet Home City Council that existing conditions are such that this ordinance is needed to be in effect at the time and date of its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor and it is hereby declaring an emergency to promote the public health, safety and welfare.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager - Ex Officio City Recorder