

Revised Camping Code Comparison Chart

The comparison chart below was created using the newly revised rules/regulations of the cities of Bend, Grants Pass, Medford, Newport, and Seaside. The purpose of the comparison charts is to help capture each cities rules/regulation similarities and differences related to definitions of terms and time, place & manner restrictions associated with camping on public property.

DEFINITIONS	BEND	MEDFORD	NEWPORT	SEASIDE
<p>Camp or Camping</p> <p>*In Bend, definition does not include vehicles, automobiles, or recreational vehicles used for shelter and/or sleeping.</p>	<p>To pitch, use, or occupy camp materials for the purpose of occupancy, habitation, or sheltering to survive, and in such a way as will facilitate sleeping or storage of personal belongings, carrying on cooking activities, taking measures to keep protected from the elements including heat and cold, or any of these activities in combination with either sleeping or making preparations to sleep. A camp is located where people camp or are camping.</p>	<p>To set up or remain at a campsite.</p>	<p>To pitch, erect, create, use, or occupy camp facilities for the purpose of habitation, as evidenced by the use of camp paraphernalia.</p>	<p>To pitch, erect, create, use, or occupy camp facilities for the purpose of habitation, as evidenced by the use of camp paraphernalia.</p>
<p>Camp Facilities</p>			<p>Include, but are not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, motor vehicles, or recreational vehicles.</p>	<p>Include, but are not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, motor vehicles, or recreational vehicles.</p>
<p>Established Campsite</p> <p>*In Bend, definition does not include vehicles, RV's or automobiles used for shelter and/or sleeping.</p>	<p>A location or locations in the public right-of-way or on City property where a camp, camps, and/or camp materials have been set up for 24 hours or more.</p>		<p>Any place where one or more persons have established temporary sleeping accommodations by use of camp facilities and/or camp paraphernalia for more than 24 consecutive hours.</p>	
<p>Camp Paraphernalia</p> <p>*In Bend, definition does not include</p>	<p>Defined as "camping materials."</p> <p>Include, but are not limited to, tents, huts, awnings, lean-tos, chairs, tarps or</p>	<p>Defines "bedding material."</p>	<p>Includes, but is not limited to, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, hammocks, or outdoor cooking</p>	<p>Includes, but is not limited to, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses,</p>

vehicles, automobiles, or recreational vehicles used for shelter and/or sleeping.	tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, mattresses, sleeping or bedding materials, food or food storage items, and/or similar items that are or appear to be used as living and/or sleeping accommodations, or to assist with living and/or sleeping activities.	A sleeping bag, bedroll, or other material used for bedding purposes, including materials used to keep warm and dry while sleeping.	devices or utensils and similar equipment.	hammocks, or outdoor cooking devices or utensils and similar equipment.
City Parking Lot/Structure	A type of City property, and means a developed or undeveloped area or facility owned, maintained, and/or leased by the City that is designated and/or used for parking vehicles.		A developed location that is designated for parking vehicles, whether developed with asphalt, concrete, gravel, or other material.	A developed location that is designated for parking vehicles, whether developed with asphalt, concrete, gravel, or other material.
Dwelling			A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.	
Greenways		Defines specific greenways in the city.		
Public right-of-way	All City-owned or controlled rights-of-way, whether in fee title or as holder of a public easement for right-of-way or public access purposes. Public rights-of-way include but are not limited to any public roads, street, sidewalk, or private street or other property that is subject to a public access easement dedicated or granted to the City for vehicular, pedestrian, or other means, and any planter strip or landscaped area located adjacent to or contained within streets that is part of the public right-of-way.		All property dedicated to the public for transportation purposes and administered by the City, including streets, roads, bridges, alleys, sidewalks, trails, paths, and all other public ways and areas managed by the City. Included public utility easements to the extent the easement allows use by the permittee planning to use or using the public utility easement. Includes subsurface and airspace over areas.	Refers to City's own definition in different code section.

			Doesn't include airwaves for purposes of CMRS, broadband television, DBS and other wireless providers, or easements/other property interests owned by a single utility/entity.	
Vehicle		A car, truck, camper, travel trailer, or similar conveyance.	A motor vehicle or recreational vehicle.	
Motor vehicle			A vehicle that is self-propelled or designed for self-propulsion.	Refers to definition under ORS 801.360.
Personal Property		Items that can reasonably be identified as belonging to an individual and that have apparent value or utility.	Items that can reasonably be identified as belonging to an individual and that have apparent value or utility.	
Public Property			Any real property or structure owned, leased, or managed by the City, including public rights-of-way.	Public lands, premises and buildings, including but not limited to an buildings used in connection with the transaction of public business or any land, premises or building owner or leased by the City.
Recreational Vehicle or RV			A vehicle with or without motive power that is designated for use as temporary living quarters and as further defined by the Oregon Department of Transportation in OAR Chapter 735, Division 022. Examples Include motor homes,	Refers to definition under ORS 174.101.

			camping trailers, tent trailers, truck campers, and camper vans.	
Solid Waste			Any garbage, trash, debris, yard waste, food waste, or other discarded materials.	Any garbage, trash, debris, yard waste, food waste, or other discarded materials.
Store/Storage			To put aside or accumulate for use when needed, to put for safekeeping, or to place or leave in a location.	To put aside or accumulate for use when needed, to put for safekeeping, or to place or leave in a location.

PROHIBITED CAMPING	BEND	MEDFORD	NEWPORT	SEASIDE
	<p>No camping on City property, unless approved by City Manager for limited basis according to certain requirements.</p> <p>Not prohibited from camping in public rights-of-way if in compliance with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise specified, camp for 24 hours max at one location, and 72 hour notice or removal afterwards • must move at least one block or 600 feet • May suspend if no access to shelter and engaged in case management or behavioral services, or to respond to person’s disability according to policies created by City Manager • Camping not allowed for: Residential areas, waterway overlay, any place impeding emergency/non-emergency 	<p>No placing or using bedding material on any sidewalk, street, alley, lane, public right-of-way, park, greenway, or any other publicly owned property or under any bridge or viaduct for more than 24 consecutive hours in a particular location, unless otherwise specifically authorized by this code, the mayor, or city manager.</p> <p>Cannot camp on certain greenways, playgrounds, sports fields, areas under roadway/bridge not for public, on or within 15 feet of RR tracks, any area that restricts pedestrian traffic to</p>	<p>Except as expressly authorized by Municipal code, at all times it is unlawful to establish, use, or occupy a campsite in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City park sites developed with active use recreational facilities or that are designed as public gathering spaces including but not limited to:[list of qualifying park sites] 	<p>No camping in public parks, public parking lots, public restrooms, public lots in residential districts, public property along certain streets [listed], camping or storing property on city property between 8 am and 8 pm, unless authorized by city manager.</p>

	<p>traffic on public or private property, vehicle/bicycle lane, roundabouts, within 1,000 feet of safe parking shelter approved by city, any street closed for construction, heavy vehicle use, or other use incompatible with camping. Closure not precondition to denial of camping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot obstruct: sidewalk, clear vision, fire hydrants, city/public utility infrastructure, right-of-way usage • 12x12, or 144 sq. ft. spatial limit • 3 camps per block, 150 feet between camps • No leave trash on any property • Only approved fires for cooking and warmth allowed • No unauthorized dumping of gray/black water • No unauthorized use of electric or taps • No obstruction/attachment of camp materials to various city property [several examples] • No building of structures; only tents/readily portable items • Storage of only items needed for camping, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry [list of non-included examples] • No digging or altering infrastructure or vegetation • No power generator • All animals leashed or crated at all times 	<p>less than 36 inches, within 20 feet of residential parcel or zoned residential, in certain cemeteries and memorial parks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within visual line of sight from a constructed and signed recreational trail on public property • The following city-owned facilities open to the public [list qualifying sites] (City Hall, Library, Fire Station, etc.) • City owned or maintained parking lots unless identified as vehicles camping lots • Public-rights-of-way adjacent to, or within 200 feet of, a lot or parcel with a school, child care facility, or facility providing services to homeless persons, • Public rights-of-way adjacent to a lot or parcel containing a dwelling • Specific public-rights-of way that are more heavily 	
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PARKING REGULATIONS	BEND	MEDFORD	NEWPORT	SEASIDE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to City municipal parking code • Can use car for shelter and sleeping on public rights-of-way under following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally parked • Only approved heating sources • No illegal dumping of gray/black water • No outside property storage not incidental to loading/unloading • Operational (start & leave or towable) • No attaching structure not made for attachment to vehicle • No garbage or unsanitary material • No power generators • Animals leashed or crated • No parking within 500 feet of safe parking site or approved shelter • No parking within 1000 feet of City's emergency shelter • No parking in City parking lots or parking structures 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to city municipal parking code • Only use approved city owned or maintained parking lots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See private overnight camping program.

PUBLIC PROPERTY TEMPORARY CAMPING	BEND	MEDFORD	NEWPORT	SEASIDE
*Only implemented in Seaside				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use city property identified by City policy • Vehicles must have and display valid DMV registration

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PRIVATE OVERNIGHT CAMPING PROGRAM	BEND	MEDFORD	NEWPORT	SEASIDE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 vehicles • Parking lot, paved or gravel surface • Owned/leased by religious institution, nonprofit, business or public entity with permission • Access to: toilets, hand washing, trash disposal at all time • No payment of fees or charge • Owner revoke at any time, leave immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 vehicles • Access to: toilets, hand washing, trash disposal at all time • No attachment of tents/personal property to cars to expand capacity for camping • Vehicle must be operable • Vehicles 20 feet apart • City permit program • No payment of fees or charge • Owner revoke at any time, leave immediately • City manager or designee can revoke at any time for nuisance or hazard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 vehicles or tents • Must be 10 feet apart • All personal items stored on tent/vehicle/separate storage item • Sanitary facilities at least 20 feet from residential use property line if not in a building • City will perform inspection of requirements • Right to notice & appeal for removal • 4 hours to vacate property • Revocation for violations of law or incompatible use with property • No liability for city for injury or property damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private (non-residential): up to 6 people; mixture of tent/vehicle/RV - Private (residential): 6 people, tent in back or 1 vehicle in driveway - Provide sanitation facilities, garbage disposal services, storage area (items not visible from street) - At least 5 feet from property line - City permit program; permit lasts 3 weeks - 24 hours to vacate property if revoked - City not liable; city manager or designee can revoke for nuisance or hazard

PRIVATE TRANSITIONAL OVERNIGHT PARKING	BEND	MEDFORD	NEWPORT	SEASIDE
<p>*Only implemented in Bend</p>	<p>If City approves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 6 vehicles/tents • Parking lot, paved or gravel surface • Owned/leased by religious institution, nonprofit, business or public entity with permission • Can increase number with approval of city (based on lot size, supervisor and sanitary plan) • At least 150 feet from childcare facility or school; unless religious school or public entity • Access to: toilets, hand washing, trash disposal, supervision, case management, operation policies • Must provide notice to adjacent property owners of intent to allow temporary parking and post prominent notice each night with identifying information • No payment of fees or charge • Revoke at any time, leave immediately • City can revoke if nuisance or threat of harm to public welfare 			