

Ordinance #2024-05
Municipality Code 59028
State of Wisconsin
Town of Sherman
Sheboygan County

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The Town Board acknowledges that persons establishing campsites for the purpose of maintaining a temporary or permanent place to live within public areas, such as public rights-of-way or parks, create unsafe and unsanitary living situations which pose a threat to the peace, health or safety of those persons camping and other citizens of the Town. Further, such actions interfere with the rights of others to use public areas for the purposes for which they were intended.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1. **CAMP** or **CAMPING** means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite, including the storage of personal belongings or camping materials.
2. **CAMPSITE** means any place where any bedding, sleeping bag, or other sleeping matter, or any stove or fire, is placed, established, maintained, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.
3. **CAMPING MATERIALS** means, but is not limited to, tents, tarps, umbrellas, metal sheeting, pallets, canopies, hammock, hunting blind, boxes, huts, temporary shelters, or vehicles.
4. **STORAGE** means to put aside or accumulate for use when needed, to put for safekeeping, to place or leave in a location.
5. **TOWN PROPERTY** means any property which is owned, leased, or maintained by the Town of Sherman, including property in which the Town of Sherman is a land contract vendee, and all municipal easements or rights-of-way.

SECTION 3. CAMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

Except as approved by the Town Board, no person shall camp or maintain a campsite, camping materials, or mobile recreational vehicle, whether self-propelled or not, or camp overnight on

any street or property owned, leased, or maintained by the Town. Such property shall include but not be limited to Town streets, parks or municipal parking lots.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

The Town Chairperson, or designee, is authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. The penalty for violation of any part of this ordinance shall be listed in the schedule of fees. Penalties shall be doubled for second and subsequent offenses.

This ordinance is effective on 9/14/24, 2024. The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 30 day of September, 2024.

William Goehring

William Goehring, Town Chair

Kris Klein

Kris Klein, Town Supervisor

Patricia Horne

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Attest: Rhonda J. Klatt

Rhonda J. Klatt, Town Clerk