

**TOWN OF EGG HARBOR
ORDINANCE NO. 196**

Camping on Private Property

The Town Board of the Town of Egg Harbor, Door County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1 – Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted in Wis. Stats. 60.22 and Wisconsin Administrative Code sect. 327.06.

Section 2 – Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to assure the rights of private property owners while ensuring that camping is conducted in a manner that protects public health, safety and welfare as well as establishing minimum standards of space for human occupancy and adequate levels of maintenance to protect the character and stability of our community.

Section 3 - Adoption of Administrative Code Sections.

Section ATCP 79.03 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is hereby adopted by the Town of Egg Harbor in their entirety.

Section 4 – Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

Camp – means to place, pitch, or occupy camp facilities, including recreational vehicles; to live temporarily in a camp facility or outdoors; or to use camp paraphernalia for the purpose of temporary human habitation.

Camp facilities – includes, but is not limited to, bedrolls, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, or cooking facilities and similar equipment.

Gray water – Water from kitchen or bathroom sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines. It is not water that has come into contact with human waste.

Inspector – The County sanitation administrator or person designated by the Town Board.

Personal use – means the use of a private residential property by the property owner or by others with the property owner’s permission and without the exchange of any form of compensation or remuneration.

Temporary Human Habitation – The occupation of a camper vehicle or other non-permanent structure for a period of time not to exceed the limits set forth in this Ordinance.

Unimproved parcel – a parcel that lacks all of the following: dwelling as defined in the Town Building Ordinance, septic system, water well and indoor plumbing.

Section 5 – Regulations Imposed

The Town of Egg Harbor, by its Board of Supervisors, hereby creates the following ordinance relating to camping on private property:

1. There shall be no camping on unimproved property in the Town of Egg Harbor without a permit, nor shall there be any camping in the Town of Egg Harbor in violation of any of the provisions of the ordinance.
2. Permit. The landowner(s) is(are) responsible for applying for the private property camping permit. Fee payment must be received by the Town before a permit can be issued. A permit must be displayed on site at all times without entering a structure.
3. Inspections. By submitting the permit application, the applicant authorizes entry for inspections. That authorization remains in place as long as the permit remains in place.
4. Added Outdoor Storage. Storage of a camping unit on an unimproved parcel shall be prohibited unless the stored camping unit is placed in an in-transit position with no utility connections, windows, doors, and all fold-outs closed, and not used for sleeping purposes. In addition, the placement must meet all setback requirements for an accessory structure.
5. Sanitary Requirements. Domestic wastewater and gray water waste and garbage disposal shall be provided by any combination of the following:
 - A. Connection to a county sanitarian approved onsite waste disposal system.
 - B. Self-contained holding tank with disposal at an approved sanitary dump station.
 - C. A portable toilet with disposal at an approved sanitary dump station, which must be removed after each camp stay.
 - D. Garbage is to be removed after each stay or by the use of service.
 - E. No domestic wastewater or gray water shall be deposited upon the ground or into the waters of the State of Wisconsin.
6. Number of camping units permitted on a campsite:
 - A. Single Camping Party. Each owner may place a camping unit or park model upon a property and occupied by that property owner, not to exceed two (2) units per 1 ½ acre. In lieu of all property owner's units, one (1) non-property owner's written permission displayed with the permit and indicating camping unit's owner, intended day(s) of stay and vehicle(s) expected.
 - B. Group Camping Party. Group camping is allowed if noted on the application. For a calendar year, no more than two (2) camping stays of not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days for each stay. All camping units except those owned by the property owner(s) are to be removed from the property after a group camping stay is concluded.
 - C. Time Limits. Total camping on property cannot exceed 30 days per calendar year whether group or single camping parties. Such use shall not exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days in duration.
7. Setback. All camping units shall meet all property setback requirements of the Town of Egg Harbor.
8. Fire Number and Access Driveway Required. The Individual campsite parcel shall have a county issued fire number displayed per county code and access driveway. *(Revised 07-20-2020 to take affect 07-29-2020 per Ordinance #198)*
9. Recreational Use Only. Camping unit(s) shall be for recreational use only. They shall not be used at any time as an alternate for a permanent dwelling unit. No accessory building shall be used as a camping unit or as additional living space.

10. Repeat Use. New applications for repeat use of an individual campsite shall include documentation acceptable to the town official of how the sanitary and gray water waste disposal was accomplished during the previous permitted use.
11. Use of Generators. Generators used for camping shall not be operated between the hours of ten (10) pm and seven (7) am except if one of the following exist:
 - a. The generator used is an inverter generator; or
 - b. There is no residence within 200 ft. of the generator location.

Section 6 - Permit Fees.

1. The fee for a camping permit shall be as adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Egg Harbor.

Section 7 – Penalties

Any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to a written notice of violation sent to the property owner prior to any prosecution therefor.

Any person who continues in violation of this section following the sending of written notice to the property owner shall be subject to imposition of a forfeiture for each day that a violation exists under section 3.07 of this Municipal Code. Each day of violation is a separate offense.

In addition, the Town may apply for and obtain injunctive relief in Circuit Court, which may include the imposition of forfeitures and court costs, and the recovery of all costs and expenses incurred by the Town, including reasonable attorney fees.

Section 8 – Repeal of Moratorium and Existing Camping Ordinance.

Town of Egg Harbor Ordinance no. 194, Moratorium Ordinance, adopted November 18, 2019, is hereby repealed.

Town of Egg Harbor Ordinance no. 190, Camping on Private Property, adopted November 20, 2017, is hereby repealed.

Section 9 – Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Date Adopted---March 16, 2020

Date Published and in affect—March 21, 2020