

For Item 21-0220

Municipal Camping Ordinances and Regulations Overview					
County/Municipality	Section(s) in Respective Code	Definition(s)	Camping Regulations and/or Prohibitions	Penalties	Exceptions
Sarasota County	Chapter 90, Article V	Camp or Camping shall mean lodging out-of-doors, which must include demonstration of one of the following elements: (a) The laying down of bedding, such as blankets, sleeping bag, newspapers, cardboard, or similar materials for sleeping purposes; or (b) The erection, use, or occupation of any tent, hut, lean-to, shack, temporary shelter, hammock, or the like for sleeping purposes.	It shall be unlawful and a violation of the Code for any person to knowingly Camp, except as otherwise provided in this Code.	Violators shall be prosecuted in the same manner misdemeanors are prosecuted pursuant to section 125.69, Florida Statutes, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the County jail not to exceed 60 days	(a) To any person using any County Park during posted hours of operation and in accordance with any posted rules. (b) To any person who is using a camping area approved by the County or municipalities and in accordance with any posted rules. (c) Any conduct which is in conformity with the conditions of any permit pursuant to this code (d) To any person camping with the permission of the County Administrator (e) To any person who has an active trespass warning issued within the past year associated with the Available Shelter
City of Orlando	Chapter 43, Section 52	"Camping" is defined as: (a) Sleeping or otherwise being in a temporary shelter out-of-doors; or (b) Sleeping out-of-doors; or (c) Cooking over an open flame or fire out-of-doors.	Camping is prohibited on all public property, except as may be specifically authorized by the appropriate governmental auth. Camping is prohibited on all property in the City used for residences provided, however, that camping is permitted on such property with the permission and consent of the owner.	A person found guilty of violating any provision of this Code may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.	Unless authorized by the appropriate governmental authority. Unless permission and consent is granted from the property owner.
Charlotte County	Chapter 1, Section 11-42. Chapter 3-5, Article XVII., Section 3-5-389	Definition for <i>Camping</i> or any other relative term was not provided within the Charlotte County code.	Camping is strictly prohibited at all times unless specifically permitted as set forth through a resolution of the board and county commissioners. The provisions of this ordinance will apply within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Charlotte County, FL, to the intent it does not conflict with any municipal ordinances.	Such violations shall be prosecuted in the name of the state in a court having jurisdiction of misdemeanors by the prosecuting attorney thereof and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment	Only exception occurs when resolution is set forth by the board and county commissioner.
City of Tampa	Chapter 16, Article III, Section 16-39 Chapter 14, Article II, Section 14-50	<i>Camping</i> means using property for living accommodation purposes by the erection, use or occupation of any tent, hut, lean-to, shack or temporary shelter for sleeping purposes or the laying down of bedding, such as a mat, blanket, sleeping bag or similar material for the purpose of sleeping.	No person shall camp or park a vehicle overnight within any department managed land except in areas designating by the department for such purpose. The department may establish rules and regulations for designated camping areas. Unless permitted by the department or designee in writing, no house trailer, camp trailer, camp wagon, recreational vehicle, or any other form of movable structure or special vehicle intended for overnight occupancy may be brought into any department managed land.	Violation of any provision of this Code shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days and/or a term of probation not to exceed 6 months.	Being in a tent, hut, lean-to, shack or in a temporary shelter in a public place is not alone sufficient to constitute a violation of this section. One or more of the following shall also exist to determine whether the camping was for living purposes: (a) numerous personal belongings are present (b) the person is engaged in cooking activities (c) the person has built or maintaining a fire (d) The person has engaged in digging or earth breaking (e) The person is asleep and have no other permanent place to live
City of St. Petersburg	Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-46	"Camping" means the use of camping facilities (such as tents, RV campers or other temporary shelters), the use of non-City designated cooking facilities (such as fires or portable stoves), or the use of cots, beds or hammocks.	Camping on Park Property is prohibited except at such times and places as may be designated by the POD and except pursuant to a permit issued by the POD. Building or causing to be built any fire is prohibited except pursuant to a permit issued by the POD and except within such area as designated for fires.	Violation of this code shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days or by any combination thereof.	Exception occurs only if/when the POD determines such times and places they are allowed and a permit is issued.
City of Lakeland	Chapter 70, Article I, Section 70-5	Camping means: (a) The assumption of a bodily position of repose or sleep, out-of-doors, for an extended period of time; (b) The assumption of a bodily position of repose, out-of-doors, while having the apparent intention to occupy or utilize the space for extended repose or sleep; (c) The erection, use or physical occupation, out-of-doors, of a tent, lean-to, tepee, or other material which reasonably appears to evidence an attempt to achieve any degree of shelter, whether produced as such or as make-shift in design, or a shelter of similar type, use, kind, material or device; or (d) the creation or use of fire, out-of-doors, for the apparent purpose of cooking, warmth, security, light or comfort. "Extended" means a minimum of 30 consecutive minutes.	Public Property: Camping is prohibited on all public property located within the city; provided, however, that camping on city property may be permitted by the city manager, or his designee, and on all other public property by an authorized representative of the public agency owning, leasing, or utilizing the property Private Property: Camping is prohibited on all private property located within the city with the exception of property zoned commercially for use as a campground, and property zoned residential, provided the owner thereof consents.	Penalties for violation of these codes were not explicitly stated or referenced within this section.	(a) Those occasions when the only evidence to suggest a person is camping is that a person appears to have merely succumbed to apparent sleep while out-of-doors. (b) Other than momentary repose or apparent sleep, there exists no evidence to suggest a person selected the space, location or environment in which they were discovered as a destination for extended repose or sleep. (c) Those instances where a person appears to be nonambulatory or unable to achieve mobility by their own act or violation but who are then under the immediate and continuous supervision of a caregiver. Camping on public property is only allowed under the permission of the city manager or his designee or by an authorized representative of the public agency. Camping on private property is only allowed on property zoned commercially as a campground and on residential property where the owner consents.

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City of Bartow	Chapter 46, Section 46-4	(a) sleeping or otherwise being in a temporary shelter out-of-doors; or (b) sleeping out-of-doors; or (c) Cooking over an open flame or fire out-of-doors.	as may be specifically authorized by the governmental authority. Camping is prohibited on all property in the city used for residential purposes; provided, however, that camping is permitted on such property with the permission and consent of the property owner.	(b) Second or subsequent offense: A judicial proceeding before the county court in and for Polk County, Florida and upon conviction imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 30 days and a fine not to exceed \$500.00.	(a) There is no available lodging in the FL-503 "Lakeland, Winter Haven/Polk County" Continuum of Care established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (b) The individual suspected of camping is fleeing violence.
City of Sarasota	Chapter 34, Article V, Section 34-41	Note: Sarasota refers to camping as "Lodging out-of-doors" Lodging out-of-doors means using public or private property for living accommodation purposes by the erection, use or occupation of any tent, hut, lean-to, shack or temporary shelter for sleeping purposes or the laying down of bedding such as a blanket or sleeping bag or similar material for the purpose of sleeping. Living accommodation purposes means to remain living, to dwell or to reside at a place for a period of time for the purpose of using such place as a home.	It shall be unlawful for any person to use any public or private property in the city for lodging out-of-doors except with the permission and consent of the property owner. Permission and consent to lodge out-of-doors on property owned by the city may be given for a specified period of time by the affirmative vote of the city commission.	Penalties for violation of these codes were not explicitly stated or referenced within this section.	Being in a tent, hut, lean-to, shack or in a temporary shelter in a public place is not alone sufficient to constitute a violation of this section. One or more of the following shall also exist to determine whether the camping was for living purposes: (a) numerous personal belongings are present (b) the person is engaged in cooking activities (c) the person has built or maintaining a fire (d) The person is engaged in digging or earth breaking (e) The person is asleep and have no other permanent place to live
City of North Port	Chapter 46, Article V, Section 46-148	Camping is defined as: (a) sleeping or otherwise being in a temporary shelter or tent out-of-doors; or (b) sleeping out of doors inside a sleeping bag or on top and/or covered by materials, i.e., federal, cardboard, newspaper; or (c) cooking over an open flame or fire out of doors; or (d) sleeping inside a car, pickup truck, recreational vehicle or camper	Camping is prohibited on all private property in the city, except by the owner, the owner's family, lessees of property, or with written permission and consent of the private property owner. Such written permission and consent shall state the name of the person(s) entitled to camp upon the private property, an adequate description of the property including address, the owners name with signature and telephone number. A copy shall be carried on the campers at all times and shall be produced to law enforcement upon request. Campfires shall be in strict accordance with state and local law. No camping of any type shall be allowed at any time on city owned or operated property, except in those areas that are developed and designated for such use. Camping is prohibited in the City of North Port except as otherwise set forth in the text above.	Violation of this code shall be punished by a fine not more than \$500.00, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days or by any combination thereof.	Only under the written consent of the property owner if not the owner, family of the owner, or lessee of the property where one is camping

Note: Only Lakeland gave an explicit definition of the timeline in which one is allowed to come (30 minutes)
For other counties & municipalities, if one is found to be in violation of what is defined to be "camping" without meeting an exception, they are to be prosecuted, no matter how long they have been on the property.

Sale of vehicles. Any vehicle or boat offered for sale must be owned by the resident of the residential lot where the vehicle is parked. Only one vehicle may be offered for sale at any time.

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Living or camping in vehicles. No vehicle or boat permitted to be parked on a residential lot shall be occupied by any person(s), used as living quarters or for camping, or otherwise inhabited overnight for a period in excess of 30 consecutive days.

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