

Chapter 8.70 CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

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8.70.010 Definitions.

The definitions contained in this section shall govern the construction, meaning, and application of words and phrases used in this chapter.

“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, tents, huts, vehicles, recreational vehicles, vehicle camping outfits, or temporary shelter.

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

“Personal use” means the use of 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. [Ord. 1342 § 3, 2015].

8.70.020 Camping.

A. Personal use of private residential property for camping may only be by the property owner or by others with the owner’s written consent and without any form of compensation or remuneration.

B. Such use shall not exceed seven consecutive days in duration, except during the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when such use shall not exceed 14 consecutive days in duration.

C. Camping may not occur more than four times per calendar year.

D. A minimum of 14 days is required between each camping period.

E. Where compensation or remuneration of any type is exchanged for the use of private residential property for camping, no camping shall occur on the property without the owner first obtaining a conditional use permit from the City pursuant to Chapter [17.168](#) LEMC and any other applicable requirements of this code. [Ord. 1342 § 3, 2015].

8.70.030 Private encroachment.

Notwithstanding LEMC [8.70.020](#), no person shall camp on or otherwise enter private property without the written consent of the private property owner. [Ord. 1342 § 3, 2015].

8.70.040 Operational requirements.

A. In addition to any other applicable requirements of the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code, camping pursuant to this chapter shall comply with all of the following operational requirements pertaining to camping:

1. Portable restrooms with toilet facilities must be provided and accessible to campers on the private property and must comply with the California Plumbing Code. Restrooms at City-owned beaches and parks do not qualify for use by campers on private property.
2. Trash receptacles sufficient for the number of campers must be provided.
3. The private property where camping occurs must be kept in a clean and sanitary manner.
4. Trash and debris must be removed when camping ceases and must be disposed of in trash receptacles.
5. Dumping of any trash or litter into the lake water shall not be permitted.
6. Any outdoor storage of camping paraphernalia shall be not be permitted when not in use by campers.
7. Within the jurisdiction of the City, no permanent structures shall be permitted in the floodplain, including, but not limited to, fencing.
8. Any use or placement of electrical cords shall be above the floodplain, if applicable.
9. All parking shall be on paved surfaces only and above the floodplain.
10. All uses pursuant to this chapter shall comply with the noise regulations contained in Chapter [17.176](#) LEMC.
11. Campfires associated with camping shall be in compliance with the requirements of this code, adopted codes and State law.
12. Docks, boats, and boat launching facilities and uses shall comply with all applicable regulations.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, camping shall not be permitted where such use violates any provision of this code, adopted codes or State law. [Ord. 1342 § 3, 2015].

8.70.050 Enforcement.

Any violation of this chapter constitutes a misdemeanor and a public nuisance. The City may enforce any violation of this chapter by instituting a criminal, civil, administrative, or other action to abate such nuisance. These remedies are intended to be cumulative and may be used in conjunction with, or in lieu of, each other. [Ord. 1342 § 3, 2015].

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