

ORDINANCE 2018 - 1

TOWN OF DOVRE

BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING RECREATIONAL CAMPERS

SECTION 1 – TITLE, PURPOSE, AUTHORITY & SCOPE

The Town Board of the Town of Dovre, Barron County, Wisconsin in order to provide for the orderly growth and development of the Town of Dovre and the enhancement of health, safety and general welfare of the public, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 2 -DEFINITIONS

- a. Campground. Means any parcel or tract of land owned by a person, state or local government which is designed, maintained, licensed, inspected and intended or used for the purpose of providing sites for non-permanent, overnight use by four (4) or more camper vehicles or tents and is considered a business, whether for profit or not.
- b. Camper Vehicle. Means a vehicle, whether factory or home built, whether on or off wheels, whether towed or carried on a motor vehicle or self-propelled, including, but not limited to, recreational vehicles, hitch mount pull behind trailers, pop up tent trailers, campers meant to be affixed to the bed of trucks and converted vehicles such as buses, trucks or trailers.

Such vehicles may be with or without complete kitchen and toilet facilities, self contained water and sewage systems and designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation or vacation use and have a maximum main floor area of four hundred (400) square feet.

“Camper vehicle” does not include mobile homes, manufactured homes and “Park Models”.

- d. Citation. Means a document which reflects a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.
- e. Citation Fee. Means the fine or monetary fee due for a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.
- f. Clerk. Means the appointed Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Dovre, Barron County, Wisconsin.
- g. County. Means Barron County, Wisconsin.
- h. Dwelling. Means any building or structure located on a legally described and recorded parcel in the Town of Dovre which is specifically designed and constructed for the purpose of human habitation on a continual basis. Any such dwelling shall contain no more than two (2) dwelling units designed and constructed for human habitation.

- i. Human Habitation. Means the act of occupying a building or structure as a dwelling unit. Such building or structure shall include adequate utilities including a properly functioning and safe water source and septic system.
- c. Temporary Human Habitation. Means the occupation of a camper vehicle of other non-permanent structure for a period time not to exceed the limits set forth in this Ordinance.
- j. Maximum Size of Camper Vehicles. Means no more than 400 square feet, excluding decks, porches and other, similar extensions associated with the camper vehicle.
- k. Non-Permanent Structure. Means a physical shelter having form and substance, including, but not limited to, floor, walls, windows, doors and a roof, which is not permanently affixed to a foundation and whose supplies potable water, sewage disposal and electrical current, among other utility services, are not permanently attached or incorporated into the design of the structure in accord with applicable state or local codes. This includes, but is not limited to, what are commonly referred to as recreational vehicles, campers, tents and tent platforms.
- l. Occupant. Means a person occupying a recreational vehicle on a temporary basis.
- m. Outbuilding. Means a structure or building which is not used for purposes of human habitation.
- n. Owner. Means any person or corporation possessing a legal or equitable interest in a parcel or lot.
- o. Premise, Parcel or Lot. Means any legally described and recorded land located in the Town of Dovre which has a described boundary.
- p. Person. Means a natural person, partnership, association, and all other bodies corporate or public.
- q. Recreational Camp. Means an area used occasionally, periodically or seasonally by members of an associations, or a group of people for recreational purposes.
- r. Recreational Vehicle. Means a vehicular portable structure built on a chassis, with or without complete kitchen and toilet facilities. A recreational vehicle is designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, vacation or recreation use. A recreational vehicle shall include a maximum of four hundred (400) square feet.

Examples of recreational vehicles include van campers, slide-in pick-up campers, tent camping trailers, hitch mount pull behind campers, and self-contained, self-propelled truck chassis mounted vehicles providing living accommodations. Recreational vehicles may also be described as a “camper or campers”. For purposes of this Ordinance, a recreational vehicle shall not be considers as a structure or building suitable for permanent human habitation.

- s. Septic System Means a system specifically designed to treat sewage.
- t. Sewage. Means all liquids and water wastes from sinks, bathing and toilet systems.
- u. Special Event. Means a privately organized, not-for-profit, event wherein people congregate on private property to share and enjoy common interests of the group.
- v. State of Wisconsin – Department of Safety and Professional Services. Means the State of Wisconsin, Department of Safety and Professional Services.

- w. Temporary Human Habitation. Means 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.
- x. Tent. Means any temporary place of shelter, including, but not limited to, the traditional canvas or synthetic coverings which provide human sleeping and living quarters for a short period of time.
- y. Town. Means the Town of Dovre, Barron County, Wisconsin.
- z. Town Board. Means the elected members of the Town Board of Supervisors for the Town Board for the Town of Dovre, Barron County, Wisconsin.

SECTION 3 - GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- a. No person shall occupy a recreational vehicle, camper, tent, tent platform or other such device or instrument designed for temporary human habitation for permanent habitation.
- b. No person shall occupy a recreational vehicle, camper, tent, tent platform or other such device or instrument designed for temporary human habitation for a period exceeding thirty (30) consecutive calendar days.
- c. No person shall occupy a recreational vehicle, camper, tent, tent platform or other such device or instrument unless appropriate means of sewage disposal and garbage and waste removal are available.
- d. No accessory buildings or additions, including decks and porches, may be constructed in conjunction with such recreational vehicles without first obtaining a building permit from the Town.
- e. The owner of the parcel on which the recreational vehicle is located shall be responsible for compliance with all sanitary, waste and potable water rules and regulations.
- f. No person shall establish a campground or recreational camp without the approval of the Town.
- g. Any special event which includes more than four (4) recreational vehicles shall be subject to the approval of the Town, including any conditions established by the Town.

SECTION 4 - PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- a. Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, neglects, omits, or refuses to comply with this Ordinance, or resists enforcement of any of its provisions shall be subject to a written notice of violation.
- b. The Building Inspector, a law enforcement officer or any other authority authorized by the Town Board may require by written order any premises violating this Section to be put in compliance within thirty (30) or other time as specified in such order.
- c. Each written order shall be considered a new violation of this Ordinance.
- d. If the premises are not brought into compliance within the time specified in the written violation, then the Town Board, a law enforcement officer or any other authority authorized by the Town Board may levy fines as may from time to time be determined by the Town Board.

SECTION 5 – SHORELAND AND FLOOD PLAIN

- a. Nothing in this ordinance shall contravene the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources or Barron County's ordinances, regulations and rulings applicable to lands located in shoreland zoning or FLOOD PLAIN overlay districts.

SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY

- a. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, but shall only affect the portion thereof declared to be invalid.

SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- a. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and notice to the public as provided by law.

Adopted this __10__ day of April, 2018.

TOWN OF DOVRE, BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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