

DRAFT CAMPING ORDINANCE  
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**Title 18.05.18 Temporary Camping within the City**

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**18.05.18.01: Purpose**

A. The purpose of these provisions is to establish and regulate camping activities or camping not otherwise subject to state regulation within the City of Huron. Any property owner seeking to provide temporary private camping as described in this ordinance shall be subject to the requirements of this ordinance. Non-profit organizations and licensees exempted from state campground license requirements by SDCL 34-18-20 that conduct private camping activities within the City shall be subject to the requirements of this ordinance.

**18.05.18.02: Definitions**

A. Camping unit: Any trailer, tent camper, camper, camping cabin, tent, recreational park trailer, self-contained recreational vehicle or other equipment that may be used by the traveling public at individual campsites located at campgrounds, at areas used by the public as campgrounds or at a private camping site.

B. Campground: In accordance with SDCL 34-18-1, a plot of ground for public use upon which two or more campsites are located, established, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place where camping units can be located and occupied as temporary living quarters for children or adults, or both. Camping units are considered to be trailers, tent

campers, campers, tents, recreational park trailers, or other equipment that may be used by the public at individual campsites located at campgrounds or areas used by the public as campgrounds;

C. Campsite: A specific parcel of land intended for temporary housing or occupancy and use by a single camping unit.

D. Temporary Camping: As used in this section, temporary camping shall mean for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) consecutive days within any thirty (30) day period. Temporary camping has no dedicated (permanently installed) hookups for water, electric or sanitary sewer.

E. Temporary structure: Any structure, building, enclosure, weather shelter or provision of water, electrical, sanitary sewer or other utility services which is not placed on a foundation and is utilized for a period of less than thirty (30) days.

**18.05.18.03: Penalty**

A. See SDCL 9-19-3 and SDCL 22-6-2(2).

**18.05.18.05: Number of Campsites Allowed on a Property**

A. Density and number of camping units allowed on a parcel of land will be limited by the setbacks between camping units, property lines and permanent structure located on the parcel.

B. All temporary camping related activities shall take place within the limits of the private property and shall not extend onto adjacent public property and shall meet setbacks as describe in this section.

**18.05.18.06: Setback from public streets, alleys and lot lines**

A. No camping unit shall allowed within five (5) feet of any public right-of-way (street or alley), property line or any easement dedicated for public use, or any publicly owned property.

B. Camping unit slide-outs and fold-outs shall meet the setbacks of this section.

**18.05.18.07: Public Safety Access Aisle**

A. Any campground area consisting of 20 or more camping units shall provide at least one ten (10) feet wide public safety access aisle (entry door(s) of the camping unit to the entry door(s) of camping unit(s) located directly opposite from the camping unit).

B. Motorized vehicles will not be parked to block the required public safety access aisle.

C. Public safety or access aisles will not be blocked by trees or vegetation that cannot be driven over or through by Emergency Vehicles.

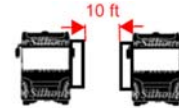
D. Public campgrounds with 20 or more camping units shall provide at least one (1) centrally located fire extinguisher for every 10 camping units, which shall be conspicuously marked for the public.

**18.05.18.08: Internal Roads and Trails in Campgrounds**

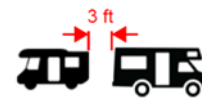
- A. All roads, trails and/or lanes within campgrounds will be at least ten (10) feet wide.
- B. Internal roads, trails and/or lanes will not be blocked by vehicles.
- C. These roads, trails and/or lanes will provide access to and from campsites within the campground.
- D. All internal roads, trails and/or lanes will connect to city streets or alleys and provide continuous access for city services including Emergency Vehicles.

**18.05.18.09: Setback from Other Camping Units and Permanent Structures**

A. Camping units including slide-outs and fold-outs will be set back (10) feet from other camping units located on the same lot or adjacent lots.



B. Camping units will be set back at least three (3) feet from the rear wall of any camping unit adjacent to or abutting against another camping unit's rear wall.



C. Camping units will be set back at least five (5) feet from any permanent structure on the same site or an adjacent campground in order to provide a safety access aisle to every camping unit by first responders.

**18.05.18.10: Campsite Area**

A. The campsite area for an individual camping unit is defined as the area encompassing the combination of the fully extended dimension of the camping unit plus all setback and access requirements on the subject parcel.

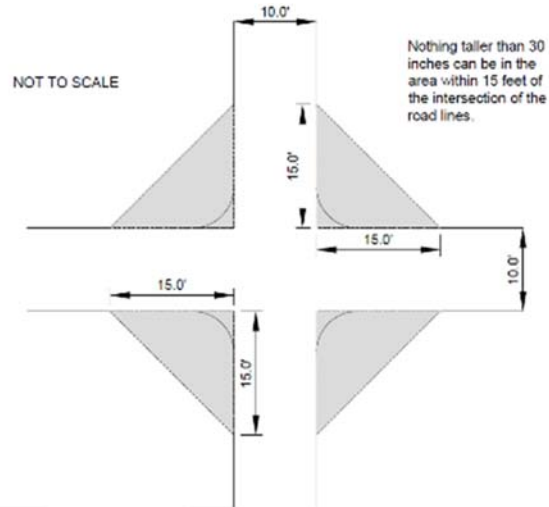
**18.05.18.11: Parking.**

A. Temporary parking may be provided on the immediately adjacent public boulevard as long as public safety access aisles remain clear for the purposes of providing first responders access to the door or doors of any permanent residence or temporary camping unit(s) on the parcel, and so that safe view at intersections is not blocked.

B. Vehicle parking will not block the ten (10) feet wide public safety access aisle to the door or doors of a camping unit or residence.

C. Parked vehicles will not block the public sidewalk, alley, street or any access easement.

D. INTERSECTION SAFETY ZONE. Any camping unit that projects into or is placed within the sight triangle zone, which is defined as a height of between 2.5 feet and 10 feet above the established curb grades of the intersecting streets within the triangle formed by the curb lines of the intersecting streets and the line joining points a distance of 15 feet on each curb line from their position of intersection is prohibited. For the purpose of this subsection, "sideline of street" shall mean the curb line on those streets where curb is installed. Where curbs are not installed, "sideline of street" shall mean that line which otherwise would be the curb line if a standard city street with curb were installed and centered within the public right-of-way.



#### 18.05.18.12: Water Service and Plumbing

A. Connection to a city water or sewer main requires a city tapping permit available at the Municipal Finance Office. Any connection to a city water or sewer main must be made by a licensed plumber.

B. Any plumbing for any campground will be installed by a licensed plumber and meet the state plumbing code.

C. Use of backflow preventers is mandatory according to State Plumbing Code to ensure that water cannot backflow from a camper to the residence and from there to the city water main.

D. Any permanent water supply source that is dedicated for the sole use of camping units or that is not actively used year around (such as in an occupied house or business) must have a passing bacteria test each year before the camping area will be permitted by the city. The water sample for each bacteria test will be drawn by a licensed plumber. The bacteria test(s) will be conducted according to SD Department of Health regulations. A copy of the test result(s) will be provided to the City of Huron before an annual campground permit will be issued by the City of Huron.

E. Where camping sites are made available to the public, permanent separate, non-residential water supply or service facilities may be permitted to be constructed or located outside the permanent structure on the parcel.

F. No service pedestals or structures will be permitted on public right-of-way.

G. On the street side or sides of a lot, pedestals will be set back at least three feet from the property line. Pedestals on the alley side of a lot will be set back at least five feet from the alley property line.

H. Water supply shall be provided after the municipal water meter so that water used is metered and can be billed based on consumption.

I. Any dedicated or permanent water supply system installed will be under a plumbing permit issued by the State of SD and shall be inspected by the State Plumbing Inspector with notice of the approval or reason for any denial provided to the City of Huron Building Official.

J. Water supply systems will not be used until approved by the State Plumbing Inspector.  
Water usage fees paid to the city by the property owner will be based on water consumption.

**18.05.18.13: Electrical System**

A. Service pedestals will be set back from property lines at least one (1) foot on the front and side property lines of a lot. Service pedestals will be set back at least five (5) feet from the alley property line.

B. Any dedicated or permanent electric supply or service facilities installed will be under an electric permit issued by the State of SD and shall be inspected by the State Electric Inspector with notice of the approval or reason for any denial provided to the City of Huron Building Official.

C. Electrical supply or service systems will not be used until approved by the State Electrical Inspector.

**18.05.18.14: Wastewater Disposal, Gray Water Disposal and Portable Toilets**

A. No waste water or gray water resulting from temporary camping shall be permitted to be drained on the ground or disposed of in any storm sewer drainpipe or other drainage.

B. Sewer usage fees paid to the city by the property owner will be based on water consumption.

C. No temporary piping will be installed that will direct camping unit wastewater to the wastewater collection system of a house or business.

D. Any above ground piping will be considered temporary and is not allowed.

E. All waste water and gray water shall be disposed of only at an approved dump station or similar facility open to the public.

F. Service connections will be set back from property lines at least one (1) foot on the front and side property lines of a lot. Service connections will be set back at least five (5) feet from the alley property line.

**18.05.18.15: Toilet and Bathing Facilities**

A. In the case of either private or public campgrounds located on a parcel zoned for residential uses, no permanent separate, non-residential toilet and bathing facilities shall be permitted to be located outside the residence on the parcel.

B. All waste water or gray water resulting from any temporary toilet or bathing facilities for camping shall be disposed of only at an approved dump station or similar facility open to the public.

**18.05.18.16: Barbecue Pits, Fireplaces, Stoves, Cooking Fires and Recreational Fires**

Refer to section 19.12.020 and .030 of the Huron Municipal Ordinance.

**18.05.18.17: Garbage and Rubbish Storage, Disposal and Vermin Control**

A. During the period of temporary camping, the property owner shall provide the necessary temporary sanitation and garbage service of the type permitted and subject to the requirements of Chapter 6.20 of Huron Municipal Ordinances. The rates as set forth in the current rates resolution, and the authority to require additional waste disposal totes as provided for at 6.20.080, shall apply to all properties at which temporary camping occurs.

**18.05.18.18: Camping Cabins**

A. Permanently installed camping cabins as defined in South Dakota Administrative Rule 44.02.14, or any temporary structure intended for similar or like use, shall not be permitted at any temporary campsite.

City water, sanitary sewer and garbage will be billed according to the City Rates Resolution, published annually by the City of Huron.