

**TOWN OF SILT
ORDINANCE NO. 6
SERIES OF 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, AMENDING AND
UPDATING TOWN CODE TO PROHIBIT AND LIMIT CAMPING WITHIN THE TOWN
ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt, Colorado (the “Town”) Code Chapter 8.24.070 prohibits camping on public parks, open space, and public places; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17 of the Town Code regulates the use of property in certain zoning districts, including the use of Recreational Vehicles used as residence; and

WHEREAS, the Town does not have regulations regarding camping on private property;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Town of Silt (the “Board”) finds that camping on Public Property should be restricted to established campgrounds, for the public health and safety of residents and campers, to preserve Town property, and encourage camping in areas with sufficient infrastructure to support the camping; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that camping on streets, parks, and open spaces within the Town poses a risk to public health and safety and should not be permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to amend the Town of Silt Code to set forth requirements regarding overnight camping on Town streets, parks, and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to amend the Town of Silt Code to set forth requirements regarding overnight camping on private property within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Rules on April 22, 2024 after published notice of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town to amend the Code as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Chapter 8.24.070 of the Silt Municipal Code, “Prohibited Activities”, is hereby amended as follows, with Underlined Text added:

Chapter 8.24.070 - Prohibited activities.

Unless otherwise permitted by the town administrator or his designee, or by ordinance, regulation, special license, event permit or other posting, the following activities are prohibited in all parks, open space and public places:

- A. Camping - It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on any public property or in any abandon vehicles, except in any location where camping has been expressly authorized by the Town, including public streets, sidewalks, parks, rights-of-way within the Town, or any other publicly owed parking lot or area, improved or unimproved. The definitions of Camping are set forth in Code Chapter 17.69.010.

Section 3. Chapter 17.68.060 of the Silt Municipal Code, "Recreational Vehicle", is hereby amended as follows, with Underlined Text added and ~~striketrough~~ text deleted:

Chapter 17.68.060 - Recreational vehicle (independent or dependent) used as residence.

Recreational vehicles, either dependent or independent, and including truck-mounted campers, camper shells and toppers shall not be used as residences unless such vehicles are utilized within a legally established recreational vehicle park or campground designed and designated for the temporary placement of recreational vehicles. Notwithstanding the foregoing, ~~a one~~ recreational vehicle may be used as a residence on a temporary basis on a residential lot for a period not to exceed 14 ~~consecutive~~ days, ~~or 45 days collectively~~ within a single calendar year. For purposes of this chapter, "recreational vehicle" means a travel trailer, motor home, truck camper, or camping trailer that is primarily designed and used as temporary living quarters, is either self-propelled or mounted on or drawn by another vehicles.

Section 4. Chapter 17.69.010 of the Silt Municipal Code, "Prohibited Camping" is hereby added to the Code, as follows:

17.69.010 – Prohibited Camping

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on private property in the Town without the express written consent of the property owner, except in any location where camping has been expressly authorized by the Town. In residential zoning only, camping may be allowed where expressly authorized in writing by the property owner on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed 14 days within a single calendar year.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on any public property or in any abandon vehicles, except in any location where camping has been expressly authorized by the Town, including public streets, sidewalks, parks, rights-of-way within the Town, or any other publicly owed parking lot or area, improved or unimproved.

(c) Definitions:

(1) *Camp or camping* means the use of property for the purpose of unauthorized overnight occupancy, or to reside or dwell on public property with shelter overnight, or the use of public property for the purpose of overnight occupancy or longer occupancy. The term "shelter" as used in this definition includes, without limitation, any tent, tarpaulin, lean-to, sleeping bag, bedroll, blankets, or any form of cover or protection from the elements other than clothing. The term "reside or dwell" includes, without limitation, conducting such activities as eating, sleeping, or the storage of personal possessions. Evidence of unauthorized camps includes, but is not limited to, sleeping, or making

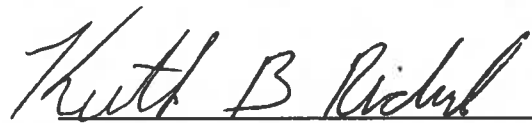
preparations to sleep by laying out personal belongings, bedding, bedroll(s), blanket(s), sleeping pad(s), sleeping bag(s), erecting or occupying a tent, makeshift shelter, lean-to, tarpaulin, enclosure, or other structure used for overnight living purposes, or any form of cover or protection from the elements other than clothing, or making preparations for a fire or making a fire (except for fires at sites specifically designated or authorized for a fire by the parks, recreation and open space (PROS) department), setting up or using a camp stove, cooking device, or other type of heating source (except for grills and personal grills permitted in designated areas by PROS). Camp or camping can include using a vehicle for overnight occupancy where overnight occupancy or overnight camping violates Town Code or a Town rule or regulation or is not otherwise authorized by the Town. Camping does not include napping during the day or picnicking.

(2) *Public property* means, by way of illustration, but not limited to, a highway, highway median, any street, street median, road, road median, alley, sidewalk, strips of land between streets and sidewalks, lanes, catch basins, pedestrian or transit mall, bike path, greenway, public parking lot, or any other structure or area encompassed within the public right-of-way; any park, parkway, mountain park, open space, natural area, trail, beach, playground, or other publicly owned recreation facility; a municipal watercourse, bodies of water, watercourses, stormwater infrastructure such as, but not limited to, bridges, pipes, inlets and culverts; or any other grounds, buildings, or other facilities owned or leased by the Town or by any other public entity, regardless of whether such public property is vacant or occupied and actively used for any public purpose.

INTRODUCED, READ AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING, a public hearing, this 22nd day of April, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Town of Silt Colorado.

PASSED, APPROVED ON SECOND READING, following a continued public hearing, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED, this 13 day of May, 2024.

TOWN OF SILT



Mayor Keith B. Richel

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC

