

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PERMIT
CAMPING ON A VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT**

Lot Address:
Tax ID No.: N - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Nearest Primary Road(s):
Lot Owner's Name:
Address:
Phone/Email:
Camping Dates:
Lot Owner's Signature Date

One permit application may be used for an entire season of camping activities, based on a list of dates, or a separate application may be submitted for each event.

Sketch the RV unit location(s) on the lot; and placement of Porta-Johns or outside toilets:

Lot Sketch: (road right-of-way)

Contact information for the person(s) who will be responsible for camping activities on the lot:

Name:
Cell Phone:
Email:
Relationship to the lot owner:
Responsible Party's Signature Date
Name:
Cell Phone:
Email:
Relationship to the lot owner:
Responsible Party's Signature Date

Additional Notes:

Permit Approval:

Date:

Ordinance Officer's Signature

Section 6.21 Camping, Temporary or Short-Term (excerpts).

Incidental use of land for temporary or short-term camping shall be subject to the following:

1. **Allowable vehicle types.** Recreational vehicles for camping activities shall be limited to motor homes, pick-up campers attached to the pick-up truck, folding tent trailers, and travel trailers.
2. **Minimum separation distances.** A minimum separation distance of ten (10) feet shall be maintained at all times between two (2) or more recreational vehicles on the same zoning lot, and between any recreational vehicle(s) and a principal building on the lot.
3. **Legally operable.** The recreational vehicle shall be owned by the owner of the lot or the owner's guests, shall be legally operable on state highways, and shall have a current registration and license plate.
4. **Campfires.** Campfires shall be allowed within a protected pit area located outside of the minimum required yard setbacks for principal buildings in the zoning district, as specified in Article 3.0 (Dimensional Standards), and a minimum of 30 feet from all structures. Campfires may be prohibited for upon determination of unsafe weather or site conditions by the Fire Chief.
5. **Waste disposal.** All waste storage tanks (gray water and black water) shall be emptied at an approved recreational vehicle dump station.
6. **Use limitation.** Allowable camping activities under this Section shall be limited to the owner of the lot and the owner's guests.
7. **Removal of camping equipment and appurtenances.** With the exception of a protected pit area for campfires, all tents, camping equipment, and appurtenances shall be promptly dismantled and stored away when not in use.
8. **Riparian access.** The requirements and limitations of Section 10.21 (Riparian Access) shall apply to use of any lot for temporary or short-term camping activities.
9. **Seasonal limitations.** Camping activities on vacant lots in the R-2 (Single-Family Residential) and LK (Lake) zoning districts, and on vacant lots in the AR (Agricultural-Resource) District that abut Pleasant Lake, shall be limited to between May 15 and September 30 of each calendar year.
10. **Maximum time limit.** Temporary or short-term camping activities on a zoning lot shall be limited to a maximum of 15 consecutive calendar days per event, and a maximum total of 45 days per calendar year.
11. **Minimum setback distances.** The location of the tent, recreational vehicle or similar shelter, and all associated camping equipment and appurtenances, shall comply with the minimum yard setback requirements for principal buildings in the zoning district.
12. **Maximum number of recreational vehicles.** A maximum of three (3) recreational vehicles shall be permitted at one time on a vacant lot.
13. **Unattended recreational vehicles.** Storage of a recreational vehicle on a vacant lot shall be prohibited. The owner shall promptly remove a recreational vehicle left unattended on a vacant lot for a period exceeding 21 calendar days.
14. **Accessory structures on vacant lots.** With the exception of a waterfront dock and one (1) accessory structure up to 120 square-feet in floor area for incidental storage of camping equipment and appurtenances, no other accessory structures shall be allowed on a vacant lot for camping activities. The structure shall comply with the minimum yard setback requirements for principal buildings in the zoning district.
15. **Generators.** A maximum of one (1) generator shall be allowed per zoning lot for camping purposes, provided that the generator shall not be operated between the hours of 8:00p.m. and 8:00a.m.
16. **Toilet facilities.** Temporary camping on vacant lots shall be prohibited where adequate toilet facilities have not been provided on the same lot. Adequate toilet facilities shall consist of a bathroom with a sink and toilet in a recreational vehicle, or the temporary use of an outside toilet enclosure ("porta-john") subject to the following:
 - a. Documentation of compliance with all applicable outside agency requirements shall be provided to the Zoning Administrator upon request.
 - b. The location shall comply with the minimum yard setback and minimum separation requirements for principal buildings in the zoning district.
 - c. The outdoor toilet shall be located and maintained in a manner to ensure that its use is completely shielded from view, and that odor shall not constitute a nuisance or hazard to adjoining premises.