

# ORDINANCE NO. 368

**AN ORDINANCE regulating camp sites and grounds for automobiles, trailers, and other temporary units of occupancy, and to provide for the enforcement and penalties for violation thereof.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the following respective phrases as used in this ordinance shall be defined as follows:

(a) "Trailer coach" shall mean any vehicle used, or maintained for use as a conveyance upon highways or city streets, so designed and so constructed as to permit occupancy thereof as a temporary dwelling or sleeping place for one or more persons, having no other foundation than wheels or jacks.

(b) "Trailer park" shall mean any site, lot, field, or tract of ground upon which any trailer coach is placed for occupancy, and upon which there is any building, structure, tent, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for use as a part of the equipment of such park.

(c) "Camp site" shall mean any site, lot, field, or tract of ground upon which any enclosure, tent, vehicle other than trailer coach or other temporary unit is placed for occupancy.

(d) "Trailer coach lot" shall mean any unit of ground, level, adequately drained, of definite size and clearly indicated by corner markers for the placing of a trailer coach or a trailer coach and towing car.

Section 2. That for the effective enforcement of this ordinance the Health Officer or any of his duly authorized representatives shall have the right and are hereby empowered to enter upon the premises of any camp site or trailer park and to enter any unit thereon, to inspect the same.

Section 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or maintain, or to offer for public use, within the confines of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as hereinafter set forth any camp site or trailer park without first applying for and receiving from the Health Department a permit so to do, in the manner hereinafter provided and without complying with the laws of the State of Virginia, the ordinances of the City of Alexandria and the rules and regulations of the Health Department. The requirement that permit be first obtained from the Health Department is in addition to any requirement in the City Ordinances or State Code that a permit must also be obtained from the City Council, the City Building Inspector, the City Plumbing Inspector, the City Electrical Inspector or other administrative agency of the City.

Section 4. That each application for such permit shall be in writing upon a form provided by the Health Department for that purpose, and shall be filed with the Health Department not less than five days before said camp site or trailer park is made ready for use.

Section 5. That upon the filing of such application, the Health Department shall determine whether the camp site or trailer park conforms with the requirements of law and the regulations of the City Health Department. The Health Department shall issue a permit if it finds that such requirements are fulfilled and that camp site or trailer park is not otherwise injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

Section 6. That any permit granted hereunder shall be subject to revocation or suspension by the Health Officer in the following manner, to wit: A notice shall be served on the person holding said permit specifying wherein he has failed to comply with the ordinance, and requiring him to appear before the Health Department, at a day and hour therein specified, not less than five days after the personal service of said notice on such permit holder, requiring him to show cause at said time and place why said permit should not be revoked or suspended. At the time and place mentioned in said notice, the person holding said permit shall have the right to appear in person, or by counsel, and to introduce such evidence as he may desire, and the Health Officer shall confront said permit holder with any charges that said Health Officer may have against him, and after said hearing, the Health Officer may, at his discretion, revoke or suspend the permit for any conditions which could be considered a menace to public health.

Section 7. That the permit at all times shall be posted in a conspicuous place at said camp site or trailer park.

Section 8. That the Health Department is hereby empowered to formulate from time to time and to enforce any rules and regulations that said Department may deem advisable governing the operation of camp sites or trailer parks, and which are reasonably designed to further the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

Section 9. That every camp site or trailer park shall provide available unoccupied space measuring not less than twenty feet by forty feet for each camp automobile or trailer, and such available unoccupied space shall not be construed to mean the space directly under any portion of any camp automobile or trailer. Camp automobiles or trailers shall be arranged in rows abutting or facing on a driveway or clear unoccupied space of not less than twenty-five feet in width, which space shall have unobstructed access to a public street or alley. Each trailer shall be exactly centered on said lot and each trailer or other service unit shall be located at a greater distance than twenty feet from any permanent habitation and from any street, sidewalk or other public area.

Section 10. That every camp site or trailer park shall be located on a well drained area, and the premises of every existing camp site or trailer park shall be properly graded so as to prevent the accumulation of storm or casual waters.

Section 11. That a sufficient supply of healthful city water shall be provided in convenient locations, to be determined by the Health Department. No common drinking cups or dipping vessels shall be provided. Waste from this supply shall be emptied into the approved disposal system.

Section 12. That camps shall be so located that they have ready access to the city sewer system.

Section 13. That the following facilities shall be provided on each camp site or trailer park for the use only of the occupants thereof, in the following proportions:

Facility	Number
Showers .....	1 for every 25 males or fraction thereof
Showers .....	1 for every 25 females or fraction thereof
Bathtubs .....	1 for every 50 males or fraction thereof
Bathtubs .....	1 for every 50 females or fraction thereof
Washing machines	1 for every 20 trailers or fraction thereof
Double tray and ironing board ..	1 for every 20 trailers or fraction thereof
Flush toilets ....	1 for every 10 males or fraction thereof
Flush toilets ....	1 for every 10 females or fraction thereof
Lavatories with hot and cold running water ....	1 for every 2 toilets or fraction thereof
Lavatories with hot and cold running water ....	1 for every Each separate or single toilet room
Urinals .....	1 for every 15 males

Section 14. That each of the units described in the foregoing section shall in its type and use be subject to the inspection and regulation of the City Health Department. All toilet rooms and shower rooms shall be fly tight, well lighted, well ventilated and kept in a sanitary condition. The floors shall be of non-porous material to permit satisfactory cleaning. Laundry rooms shall be separate units from the toilet and shower rooms, and adequate areas shall be provided for the drying of clothes.

Section 15. That in any camp site or trailer park no construction of or addition to any occupancy or service unit shall be done or made without the permission of the Health Officer having been first asked and obtained. This requirement is in addition to any requirement in the City or State Codes or elsewhere that a permit also must first be obtained from the City Council, the City Building Inspector, the City Plumbing Inspector, the City Electrical Inspector or other administrative agency of the City.

Section 16. That trash and garbage containers of regulation size and type shall be provided to meet fully the needs of the camp and they shall be housed in a method approved by the Health Department. Said containers must be flushed frequently and kept in a sanitary condition.

Section 17. That at every camp site or trailer park provision shall be made for a minimum recreational area of 5000 square feet and additional recreational space equal to 100 square feet for each person above fifty living at the camp or park.

Section 18. That the management of every such park or camp shall be responsible for maintaining in good repair all sanitary appliances on said ground and shall promptly prosecute or eject from any such sites any person who wilfully or maliciously damages such appliances, or any person who fails to comply with these regulations.

Section 19. That all food offered for sale at such camp site or trailer park shall be adequately protected against flies, dust and vermin, and shall be adequately refrigerated where necessary to prevent spoilage or deterioration, and shall be sold only after written permission of the Health Officer has first been obtained.

Section 20. That all camp site or trailer park rooms, bedding and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned after each occupancy and shall at all times be maintained in a sanitary condition.

Section 21. That the management of all camp sites and trailer parks shall register the name and address of all guests and the license numbers of all units and the arrival and leaving dates. This information shall be furnished the police and Health Department every twenty-four hours.

Section 22. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning or operating an automobile or trailer located in a camp site or trailer park to remove or cause to have removed the wheels of any similar transporting devices from said automobile or trailer or to otherwise fix it to the ground in a manner that would prevent ready removal of said automobile or trailer, without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Building Inspector of the City of Alexandria. Any alteration to any automobile or trailer, as above set forth, moreover shall be construed as making it thereupon be subject to the requirements of the Building Code of the City of Alexandria, as well as to the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 23. That it shall be unlawful to keep fowls or animals in any camp site or trailer park except when provisions have been made for their housing and care outside of any living unit.

Section 24. That it shall be unlawful to permit any waste water or material from sinks, baths, showers or other containers in automobiles or trailers to be deposited upon the surface of the ground and all such fixtures when in use must be connected to the city sewer system, or the drainage therefrom must be disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the Health Department.

Section 25. That every camp site or trailer park shall be provided with means of lighting the same at night, and all public water closets and bath units shall be provided with sufficient lighting facilities which shall be kept lighted during the time from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise. The lighting system shall be approved by the Electrical Inspector and Health Officer.

Section 26. All existing camp sites or trailer parks shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance within 90 days from its effective date.

Section 27. That it shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation owning, leasing, renting or operating a camp site or ground in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to comply with all of the provisions of this ordinance and rules and regulations formulated by the Health Department governing camp sites or grounds, and any such person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or said rules and regulations or contributing in any way to the violation thereof shall be deemed guilty of a

misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300.00 or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any violation shall be deemed a separate offense for each and every day on which the same continues.

Section 28. That if any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of Alexandria hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 29. That this ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication in The Alexandria Gazette.

Approved this 6th day of January, 1942.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS,  
Mayor