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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 3-2-1950. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Unsafe buildings and structures — See Ch. 30.

Fire prevention — See Ch. 48.

Garbage collection — See Ch. 50.

Housing Code — See Ch. 55.

Sewer connections — See Ch. 71.

Water — See Ch. 90.

§ 85-1. License required.

Within the limits of the City of Gloucester City, no person, firm or corporation shall conduct or carry on the business of the operation of a trailer camp or campsite or work in, occupy or directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, utilize any place or premises in which is conducted or carried on a trailer camp or campsite, unless and until there shall be granted by the Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, in accordance with the terms of this ordinance, and shall be in force and effect, a license to conduct said trailer camp and campsite for the place and premises in or at which the same shall be conducted and carried on.

§ 85-2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CAMPSITE — Any place where a person is permitted to sleep or dwell other than in a permanent dwelling.

TRAILER — Includes any vehicle used or constructed to be used as a conveyance upon public streets, whether self-propelled or otherwise, and so designed as to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling or sleeping place, and non-self-propelled vehicles of any kind or character constructed or intended to be moved under fuel power.

TRAILER CAMP — Any place where a trailer may be parked for longer than three hours, other than in a closed building.

§ 85-3. Application for license; proration of fee.

Said license shall be applied for by written application filed with the Common Council. Such application shall set forth the full name and address of the applicant, the particular kind or character of business to be carried on or conducted or vehicles parked, the location or place of the premises in or at which the same is to be carried on, the total area of the ground space thereof and a diagram of the same. Said application shall also be accompanied by a deposit to cover the license fee for the current year in the amount hereinafter provided, which said license fee, as to the first license granted for any said place, shall be proportionately prorated for the remainder of the year.

§ 85-4. Trailer park license fees; renewals; trailer lot fees; late charges; quarterly reports; failure to submit fees and reports; transfer of license. [Amended 12-2-1982 by Ord. No. 13-1982; 4-6-1995 by Ord. No. 7-1995; 12-3-1998 by Ord. No. 29-1998; 6-17-10 by Ord. No. O12-2010]

There shall be charged and collected for said license an annual fee of \$500, known as an "annual trailer park license," and the sum of \$125 for the total of fifty-two weeks of the year for each trailer lot, whether occupied or vacant, known as a "trailer lot fee." Said annual trailer park license shall expire on December 31 of each year, and said fees are hereby expressly declared to be imposed for revenue, and as to the base amount

of \$500, this shall be payable in advance (prior to January 1) for each year; the trailer lot fee of \$125 for each lot shall be paid in quarterly installments of \$31.25 each on the last business day of the following months: March, June, September and December. Any annual or quarterly fee paid late shall be assessed a late charge of 5% in addition to the above-stated annual or quarterly fee. Each licensee shall maintain a camp or park registry and each quarter submit three copies of the same to the Housing Office, so far as it pertains to the preceding three months, setting forth the license number of the trailer; the serial, type and license number of each automobile; the date of occupancy; whether still occupied and, if not, the date of vacancy; and the age, name and last permanent address of the owner of each trailer and automobile and of each occupant thereof. A copy thereof shall be delivered by the Housing Office to the Chief of the Police Department. It is further established that trailer campsites for which the trailer lot fees and quarterly registry reports have not been submitted shall be presumed, in the absence of proof to the contrary, to be no longer maintained and available by the operator for occupancy as a trailer campsite and shall not longer be considered for permit by the governing body of Gloucester City. A report of any and all sums which may be due to the city as herein provided shall be generated by the Housing Office to the Chief of Police for enforcement. No such license shall be transferable without the permission of the Mayor and Common Council.

§ 85-5. Water supply.¹

¹Editor's Note: See Ch. 90, Water.

Every such place, except a trailer camp used exclusively for the parking of trailers for the conveyance of goods, shall be equipped with an adequate supply of pure drinking water. Said water supply shall be obtained from faucets only, conveniently located in said campgrounds, and no dipping vessels or common cups shall be permitted.

§ 85-6. Toilet facilities.

There shall be provided in every existing campground, sanitary accommodations as follows: for every 25 trailers, camp cars or numerical fraction thereof, one women's toilet and one men's toilet and one slop sink in men's toilet and slop sink in women's toilet, all properly connected with adequate cesspools or septic tanks.

§ 85-7. Garbage receptacles.²

There shall be provided in every campground heretofore or hereafter established, such number of tight receptacles with close-fitting metal covers for garbage, refuse, ashes and rubbish as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Health, and such garbage receptacles shall be at all times maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

§ 85-8. Disposal of waste water³

It shall be unlawful to permit any waste water or material from sinks, baths, showers or other plumbing fixtures in camp cars and/or trailers to be deposited upon the surface of the ground, and all such fixtures, when in use, must be connected to the camp disposal system or the drainage therefrom must be disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health.⁴

§ 85-9. Lighting facilities.

Every campground heretofore or hereafter established 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 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise.

² Editor's Note: See Ch. 50, Garbage Collection.

³ Editor's Note: See Ch. 71, Sewer Connections.

⁴ Editor's Note: As to the Board of Health, see Ch. 4, Administrative Code, Article VIII.

§ 85-10. Facilities required in addition to those required by other ordinances.

Any water faucet, toilet, garbage receptacles or other equipment required by the provisions of this ordinance in campgrounds, or which may hereafter be required by any rules and regulations of the Board of Health pertaining to campgrounds, shall not be construed to mean water faucets, toilets, garbage receptacles or other equipment now or hereafter located in or adjacent to campgrounds and which may already or hereafter be required under provisions of other laws or ordinances.

§ 85-11. Space requirements and layout.

Every campground hereafter established shall provide for a minimum of 600 square feet of space per trailer or camp car. Camp cars and/or trailers shall be arranged in rows abutting or facing on a driveway or clear, unoccupied space not less than 20 feet in width, which space shall have unobstructed access to a public street or alley.

§ 85-12. Grading requirements.

Every campground hereafter established shall be located on a well-drained area, and the premises of every such campground or any existing campground shall be properly graded and surfaced with at least 12 inches of soft coal ashes or its equivalent absorbent materials so as to prevent the accumulation of storm or casual waters.

§ 85-13. Removal of wheels from trailer.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning or operating a camp car and/or trailer located in a campground to remove or cause to have removed the wheels or any similar transporting devices from said camp car and/or trailer or to otherwise permanently fix it to the ground in a

manner that would prevent the ready removal of said camp car and/or trailer without first obtaining a permit so to do from the Building Inspector of the City of Gloucester City. Any alteration to any camp car and/or trailer as above set forth shall be construed as removing it from the requirements of this ordinance and converting it into a dwelling, and it shall thereupon be subject to the requirements of the Building Code of the City of Gloucester City and the State Housing Act of New Jersey.⁵

§ 85-14. Dogs at large prohibited.⁶

Dogs at no time shall be permitted to run at large in any campground.

§ 85-15. Use of premises for immoral or unlawful purpose prohibited.⁷

No person shall permit any such licensed premises to be used for immoral purposes or suffer the violation thereon or therein of any penal law or of any ordinance of the city.

§ 86-16. Compliance with police and fire regulations required.⁸

Such licensed place or premises shall at all times comply with all proper police and fire regulations imposed by the city ordinances.

⁵ Editor's Note: See Ch. 27, Building Code.

⁶ Editor's Note: See Ch. 43, Dogs.

⁷ Editor's Note: See Ch. 41, Disorderly Persons.

⁸ Editor's Note: See Ch. 48, Fire Prevention Code.

§ 85-17. Inspection of premises.

Said business and the place and premises where conducted shall be subject to examination and inspection by day or night by the Common Council or a committee thereof and by the police, fire and health authorities of the city.

§ 85-18. Refusal or revocation of license.

In case of the failure or refusal to comply with any of the terms or provisions of this ordinance, the Common Council may, after notice and hearing, refuse or revoke any license applied for or granted hereunder.

§ 85-19. Violations and penalties. [Amended 12-5-1974]⁹

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any term or provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to imprisonment in the county jail or in any place provided by the City of Gloucester City for the detention of prisoners, for a term not exceeding 90 days, or to a fine not exceeding \$500, or both. Any person so convicted may, in the discretion of the Judge by whom he was convicted, in default of the payment of any fine, be imprisoned in the county jail or place of detention provided by the City of Gloucester City, for any term not exceeding 90 days. There may issue out of the court of any Judge empowered to impose fines for the violation of this ordinance, execution against the goods and chattels of any person, firm or corporation convicted in such court or before such Judge. Execution shall be levied and enforced in the same manner as are executions from the Small Cause Court. Each day that a violation of any of the terms or provisions of this ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

⁹ Editor's Note: See Ch. 1, § 1-6B(1).

§ 85-20. Severability.

In the event that any section or part of this ordinance shall be held illegal or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed as impairing the force and effect of the remainder of the ordinance.

§ 85-21. Inconsistent ordinances repealed; when effective.

All parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistent provisions, and this ordinance shall take effect after publication in the manner provided by law.



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