

VIRGIN TOWN

ORDINANCE # 2019-12

AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSLY DEFINING AND MODERATEING CAMPING IN ANY ZONE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN EXCEPT IN APPROVED AND LEGAL NON-CONFORMING CAMPGROUNDS.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Virgin Town (“Town”) is an incorporated municipality duly organized under the laws of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 9A, to enact ordinances necessary or appropriate for the use of land within the Town’s municipal boundaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 3b, Section 301, the Virgin Town Council (“Town Council”) is designated as the governing body of the Town.

WHEREAS, the Town is located in the Zion Canyon Corridor leading up to the South entrance of Zion National Park, a premier tourist destination which attracts millions of visitors to the Park each year.

WHEREAS, permanent short-term lodging near Zion National Park and camping within the Park is limited, thus many Park visitors choose to camp outside of the Park on a disbursed basis throughout the Zion Corridor.

WHEREAS, the Town and its citizens have seen a dramatic influx of both primitive (tent and open air) as well as modern (recreational vehicles and camp trailers) camping within the Town’s municipal boundaries.

WHEREAS, this dramatic increase in camping within the Town have brought with it an increase of nuisance and safety issues.

WHEREAS, their does exist campgrounds within the Town which are considered legally non-conforming (aka “Grandfathered”) uses/structures.

WHEREAS, the Town, by and through its Town Council, has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the Town and its residents to expressly define camping and moderate it throughout the Town, including public land located within the Town boundaries, except in existing campgrounds.

ORDINANCE

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by Virgin Town, Washington County, State of Utah, acting by and through the Town Council amend VULU as follows:

1. VULU Chapter 1 (General Provisions & Definitions), Sub-Section 1.6 (added):

***Camping or Camp** The act of temporarily habitating outdoors or in a temporary structure, such as a Tent, lien to, natural shelter, canopy, teepee, yurt, Travel Trailer, Recreational Vehicle, Mobile Home, Glamping structure or Campground Cabin that is not affixed to permanent utilities and/or which does not have designated bathroom, laundry and cooking facilities regardless of whether said habitation is authorized or preformed on property owned by the Camping party. Camping does not include long term occupants of a Dwelling temporarily habitating outside of their Dwelling as long as it is on the same parcel as the Dwelling and said temporary habitation occurs within 250 feet of the Dwelling.*

2. VULU Chapter 4 (Supplementary & Qualifying Regulations), Sub-Section 4.28 (added):

4.28 CAMPING REGULATIONS

4.28.1. Camping on public lands is permitted under the regulations set fourth by the governing body that manages the property.

4.28.2. Camping on lands managed and controlled by Virgin City is by a free permit that is issued by town staff.

4.28.3. Camping of Public Right of ways is prohibited.

2. Severability. If any section, clause or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Conflicts/Repealer. This Ordinance repeals the provisions of any prior ordinance in conflict herewith.
4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Virgin Town Council and execution by the Virgin Town Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE VIRGIN TOWN COUNCIL on this date
_____ based upon the following vote:

Council Member:

Dan Snyder	AYE___	NAE___
Kevin Stout	AYE___	NAE___
Jay Lee	AYE___	NAE___
Leeroy Tomson	AYE___	NAE___
Matthew Spendlove, Mayor	AYE___	NAE___

VIRGIN TOWN
a Utah municipal corporation

Matthew Spendlove, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Bowcutt, Town Clerk