

AN ORDINANCE BY THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG

ORDINANCE: 1239-25
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING PROHIBITION OF
CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Village of Williamsburg Code of Ordinances currently contains various provisions in regard safety, sanitation, and health; and

WHEREAS, concerns regarding the significant health, safety, and sanitation issues caused by encampments on public property require consideration of additional regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Williamsburg has determined that it is necessary to enact legislation in the interest of public health, safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.67, any municipal corporation may make the violation of any of its ordinances a misdemeanor, and provide for the punishment thereof by fine or imprisonment, or both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED By The Council Of The Village of Williamsburg, Ohio, at least a majority of its members concurring:

SECTION 1.

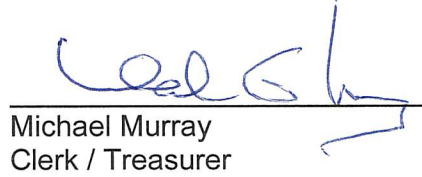
The following ordinance be added to the Williamsburg Code of Ordinances under the title Section 93.07: PROHIBITION OF CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- (A) As used in this section:
 - a. "To Camp" means to set up or remain in or at a campsite.
 - b. "Campsite" means any place where bedding, sleeping bag, or other material used for bedding purposes, or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to sleep or live, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or any other structure or any vehicle or part thereof.
- (B) No Person may sleep on public sidewalks, streets, or alleyways at any time as a matter of individual and public safety.
- (C) No person may sleep in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public sidewalk.
- (D) No person may occupy a campsite in or upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane, public right of way, park, bench or any other publicly-owned property or under any bridge or viaduct unless any one of the following apply:
 - a. It is otherwise specifically authorized by the Village of Williamsburg; or
 - b. By a formal declaration of the Mayor in an emergency circumstance; or
 - c. A permit has been obtained allowing such occupancy from the Village of Williamsburg.
- (E) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any person found in violation of this section may be immediately removed from the premises.
- (F) Penalty: Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree of each subsequent offense in accordance with the penalties as listed in Ohio Revised Code

Section 2929.24 and 2929.28. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. Upon conviction for a violation of this Section, in addition to any other factors deemed appropriate by the Court, the Court shall consider in mitigation whether or not the person immediately removed all personal property and litter, including but not limited to bottles, cans, and garbage from the campsite after being informed it was in violation of the law.

Upon roll call, and three readings the members present voted in the affirmative. Said Ordinance was adopted this 10th day of April, 2025


James Weaver
Mayor


Michael Murray
Clerk / Treasurer

April 10, 2025
Date Passed