

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE TITLE 7,
CHAPTER 7, PERTAINING TO UNSANCTIONED
CAMPING ON PUBLIC GROUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of North Salt Lake is an incorporated city in Davis County, Utah;
and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain amendments to the City Code related to unsanctioned camping should be made in compliance with Utah State Code 35A-16-403 which requires municipalities to enforce an ordinance which prohibits camping; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain amendments to the City Code are necessary to define unsanctioned camping in accordance with Utah State Code 76-6-208; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest that the Code be amended at this time to address unsanctioned camping; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds further that changed or changing conditions make the proposed amendment reasonably necessary to regulate unsanctioned camping within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Salt Lake, Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1. Repeal. Ordinance 2025-12 is repealed in whole.

SECTION 2. Code Amendment. Title 7 – Public Ways and Property, Chapter 7 – Parks is hereby amended as attached in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately upon posting as required in Utah Code 10-3-711.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of North Salt Lake, Utah, this 15th day of July, 2025.



CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE

BRIAN J. HORROCKS
Mayor

ATTEST:

WENDY PAGE
City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Council Member Watts Baskin	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Clayton	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Jackson	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Knowlton	<u>excused</u>
Council Member Van Langeveld	<u>aye</u>

Certificate of Posting Ordinance:

I, the duly appointed recorder for the City of North Salt Lake, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-13 was passed by the governing body on the date shown above, and that copies were posted as required by Utah Code 10-3-711.

Recorded this 16th day of July, 2025.

Wendy Page, City Recorder



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EXHIBIT A

7-7-2: UNSANCTIONED CAMPING ON PUBLIC GROUNDS, STREETS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, OR PLAZAS:

- A. It is unlawful for any~~Ne~~ person shall to engage in "camping", as defined in subsection B of this section, camp, lodge or pitch a tent, fly, lean to, tarpaulin or any other type of camping equipment in on any park "public grounds", as defined in subsection C of this section, upon any portion of a street, in any park or playground, unless expressly approved in writing by the an authorized City official for such activities or except in cases of local emergency as declared by the mayor for the staging of emergency response teams, including authorized personnel or community evacuation shelters. It shall be is unlawful for any unauthorized person using or benefiting from the use of any of the foregoing items of shelters or camping equipment to fail to remove the same from any such park for more than five (5) minutes after being requested to do so by any police officer or citizen. A violation of this subsection is a class C misdemeanor. (Ord. 94-4, 4-19-1994)
- B. For the purpose of this section "camping" means:
1. Erecting or occupying structures, including tents, temporary structures, recreation vehicles, travel trailers, or motor vehicles, for camping or other living accommodation activities, including sleeping, for any period of time;
 2. Using camping-related items, including cots, beds, sleeping bags, or hammocks, for sleeping or other living accommodation activities; or
 3. Cooking using a camp fire, propane stove, or other heat-producing portable cooking equipment, except in designated areas.
- C. For the purposes of this section, the term "public grounds" means any real property owned in whole or in part by the United States Of America and its agencies, or the state of Utah or any of its political subdivisions, including the City of North Salt Lake Corporation, upon which no camping has been authorized by the owner.

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- A. It is unlawful for any person to engage in "camping", as defined in subsection B of this section, on any "public grounds", as defined in subsection C of this section, upon any portion of a street, in any park or playground, unless expressly approved in writing by an authorized City official for such activities or except in cases of local emergency for the staging of emergency response teams, including authorized personnel or community evacuation shelters. It is unlawful for any person using or benefiting from the use of any of the foregoing items of camping equipment to fail to remove the same for more than five (5) minutes after being requested to do so by any police officer. A violation of this subsection is a class C misdemeanor. (Ord. 94-4, 4-19-1994)
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