Chapter 5.76 CAMP CARS (TRAILERS) AND CAMPGROUNDS

5.76.010 Definitions.

As used herein, certain words and phrases are defined and certain provisions shall be construed as herein set out unless it shall be apparent from the context that they have a different meaning.

“Camp car” means any vehicle used for living or sleeping purposes which is equipped with wheel or wheels or similar devices for the purpose of transporting the unit whether by motive power or other means.

“Campground” means any place, area or parcel of land upon which is located any camp car.

“Motor vehicle” means a vehicle (as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 670) which is self-propelled. (Prior code § 7-105)

5.76.020 Application for and issuance of permit.

Application for a permit shall be filed with the San Joaquin Local Health District on forms provided therefor, not less than five (5) nor more than 20 days before the campground is ready for use, and in all cases within 20 days after the effective date of Ordinance 1601. Application for renewal of permit shall be made on or before the fifth day of January of each year. It shall be the duty of the San Joaquin Local Health District to investigate each application and no permit shall be issued unless the campground conforms to the provisions of the ordinances of the City and the laws of the State. (Prior code § 7-106.1)

5.76.030 Posting—Expiration date of permit.

Permits shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the campground and all permits issued shall expire at the end of the calendar year. (Prior code § 7-106.2)

5.76.040 Transfer of permit.

No permit shall be transferable except with the written consent of the San Joaquin Local Health District endorsed thereon. (Prior code § 7-106.3)

5.76.050 Suspension or revocation of permit.

Permits shall be subject to revocation or suspension by the San Joaquin Local Health District for a violation of any of the provisions hereof. A notice specifying the violation shall be served upon the holder of the permit or agent or representative and a failure to comply with the provisions set forth herein within the time limit in the notice shall be grounds for a revocation or suspension of the permit. (Prior code § 7-106.4)

5.76.060 Sanitary condition of campgrounds.

Every person owning, maintaining or operating a campground shall maintain it and all equipment in connection therewith in good repair and in a clean, sanitary condition. (Prior code § 7-107)

5.76.070 Campground area regulations.

The camp cars in every campground shall be arranged in rows abutting the street or alley, or abutting an unoccupied space within the campground, not less than 20 feet wide, which shall be open and unobstructed to the alley or street. (Prior code § 7-108)
5.76.080 Drainage.

Every campground shall be located on a well drained area and shall be properly graded so as to prevent the accumulation of storm or casual water. (Prior code § 7-108.1)

5.76.090 Water supply.

An adequate supply of pure water for domestic purposes shall be provided to meet the requirements of the campground. The water supply shall be obtained from faucets only, located in the campground and no camp car shall be located more than 100 feet from a faucet. (Prior code § 7-108.2)

5.76.100 Slop sinks.

Every campground shall be equipped with at least one (1) slop sink with running water for every 10 spaces or fractional part thereof laid out or used for camp cars. No camp car shall be located more than 100 feet from a slop sink. (Prior code § 7-108.3)

5.76.110 Toilets.

Every campground shall be equipped with one (1) water closet and one (1) urinal for men and one (1) water closet for women for every 10 spaces or fractional part thereof of laid out or used for camp cars. The toilets for each sex shall be in separate rooms and each shall be conspicuously and appropriately marked for men or for women. No camp car shall be located more than 100 feet from required toilets. The floors of all water closets or urinal rooms shall be constructed of concrete or other non-absorbent material. A base of the same material shall extend upward from the floor at least six (6) inches on all walls. Dividing partitions in lavatory rooms shall have an open space at the bottom of not less than 12 inches. All exterior openings shall be screened with a wire mesh having not less than 15 wires to the inch. (Prior code § 7-108.4)

5.76.120 Showers.

Each campground shall be equipped with at least one (1) shower for each sex for every 20 spaces or fractional part thereof laid out or used for camp cars. Showers for each sex shall be in separate rooms and shall be conspicuously and appropriately marked for men and for women. All shower floors shall be constructed of waterproof material and the walls and dividing partitions shall be constructed of a like material to a height of at least six (6) feet from the floor. All shower rooms shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and strictly in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Prior code § 7-108.5)

5.76.130 Garbage containers.

Every campground shall be equipped with at least one (1) tight metal garbage or refuse receptacle of not less than 30 gallons capacity, with a snug-fitting metal cover for every 10 spaces or fractional part thereof laid out or used for camp cars. Additional receptacles shall be provided from time to time when in the judgment of the San Joaquin Local Health District or Garbage Superintendent of the City there is need therefor. All receptacles shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. (Prior code § 7-108.6)

5.76.140 Refuse and waste disposal.

It is unlawful to throw or deposit waste material of any kind upon any campground. Plumbing fixtures in camp cars located upon campgrounds when in use shall be connected to the City sewer system or the drainage therefrom disposed in a manner approved by the San Joaquin Local Health District. (Prior code § 7-108.7)
576.150 Lighting.

All water closets, urinals and showers shall be equipped with an electric lighting system and shall be continuously lighted between sunset and sunrise. (Prior code § 7-108.8)

576.160 Fire protection.

Every campground shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher for each 2500 square feet of campground area and such additional extinguishers as may be required by the Chief of the Fire Department. Location and type of extinguishers shall be approved by the Fire Chief. (Prior code § 7-108.9)

576.170 Dogs at large—Prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to permit dogs to run at large upon campgrounds at any time. (Prior code § 7-108.10)

576.180 Additional equipment.

The water faucets, toilets, showers, garbage receptacles and other equipment required by the provisions set forth herein shall be in addition to the plumbing fixtures and other sanitary appurtenances installed or used in connection with any other occupancy on the same or adjoining premises. (Prior code § 7-108.11)

576.190 Operation or maintenance of campground without permit—Unlawful.

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or maintain a campground in the City without first obtaining a permit therefor from the San Joaquin Local Health District. (Prior code § 7-109)

576.200 Use of camp cars (trailers).

It is unlawful to occupy any camp car for living or sleeping purposes in the City for a period longer than 24 hours unless the same is located upon a campground licensed under the provisions set forth herein, provided, however, that temporary permits therefor limited to 72 hours including the first 24-hour period may be granted by the San Joaquin Local Health District. No permits shall be issued for any camp car occupancy which will constitute a nuisance or a health menace. (Prior code § 7-110)

576.210 Distance between camp cars.

A clear space of 10 feet shall be maintained between camp cars and a clear space of 10 feet shall be maintained between camp cars and any building on the premises. A clear space of five (5) feet shall be maintained between camp cars and property lines of the campground. (Prior code § 7-110.1)

576.220 Removal of wheels—Unlawful.

It is unlawful to remove or cause to be removed the wheels, tires, or similar transporting devices from any camp car located in a campground except for immediate repairs, or to fix or attach said vehicle to the ground in any manner that would prevent ready removal. A camp car altered in violation of the provisions hereof shall thereafter be subject to the provisions of the Building Code of the City and the Housing Act of the State. (Prior code § 7-110.2)

576.230 Occupancy of camp cars (trailers) or motor vehicles parked in streets, etc., for living or sleeping purposes—Unlawful.

It is unlawful and an infraction to use or occupy, or permit the use or occupancy of, a camp car or motor vehicle for human habitation (e.g., sleeping, eating, resting) on any public street, avenue, alley, park, public parking lot or structure, or public way within the City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. For the purposes of this section, “habitation”
means the use of a camp car or motor vehicle as a dwelling place, and shall not mean the use of a camp car or motor vehicle for alleviation of sickness or temporary physical inability to operate such camp car or motor vehicle. (Prior code § 7-110.3)