

Village of Copemish
STATE OF MICHIGAN
Village Camping Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CAMPING; TO INSURE ADEQUATE SANITARY
FACILITIES; AND TO PROHIBIT CAMPING IN CERTAIN AREAS;
AND TO PROVIDE: PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Effective January 14, 2025

THE VILLAGE OF COPEMISH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Definitions:

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

- a. "To camp" means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite.
- b. "Campsite" means any place where any bedding, sleeping bag or other sleeping matter is placed, established or maintained, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack or other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.

SECTION 2.

It is unlawful for any person to camp in or upon any Village sidewalk, street, alley, lane, park, public right-of-way or any other property public or private located in the Village of Copemish, unless the person is camping in a licensed campground or on State of Michigan or United States Forest Service property designated for camping by either the State of Michigan or the United States Forest Service, or on Forestry property within the Township of Cleon.

SECTION 3.

Licensed campgrounds and areas controlled by the State of Michigan and/or United States Forest Service, which are designated for camping, shall provide adequate sanitary facilities.

SECTION 4.

Persons who are camping, on property owned by them, and such camping is incidental to the property's use as a single-family residence, shall camp no longer than two (2) weeks.

SECTION 5.

No person shall be convicted of violating this Ordinance unless such person shall continue to camp for more than 30 minutes after receiving a warning to leave. Such warning shall be given by a police officer.

SECTION 6.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

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SECTION 7.

This Ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to the laws of the State of Michigan.

Village of Copemish:

Dated: 1-14-2025 Michael Longo Its:

President

Dated: 1/14/25 Misty D'Shea Its:

Clerk

Adopted and passed on this date of: January 14, 2025