

10/11/22

ORDINANCE NO 2-22

**CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CAMPING ON PUBLIC LAND**

An Ordinance of Clifford Township banning camping on public property and providing for penalties for violations thereof preserve the health, safety, and well-being of the inhabitants of Clifford Township.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Clifford, County of Susquehanna and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

WHEREAS, in recent years Clifford Township has acquired additional public lands; and the people of the Township continue to seek a peaceful and quiet atmosphere in which to enjoy the use of these lands, and

WHEREAS, the Township has recognized a need to regulate and balance the use and development of these public lands and parks in the Township for the quiet enjoyment and use of the same by the public and to avoid disruption of that peaceful use of the land by the public, enacts the following ordinance:

**CAMPING ON PUBLIC LAND
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1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the Camping on Public Land Ordinance for Clifford Township.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order shall be to ensure that the streets, parks and public areas within the borough should be readily accessible and available to residents in the public at large. Do use of these areas for camping purposes or storage of personal property interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for which they were intended. Such activity can constitute a public and safety hazard which adversely impact neighborhood in commercial areas. Camping on public property can create issues with sanitary

conditions and adversely affect the public health and safety. The purpose of this ordinance is to maintain streets, parks and other public land within the borough and a queen sanitary and accessible condition to adequately protect the health safety and public welfare of the community while securing for the public the right to reasonably and quietly enjoy those public places. Nothing in this ordinance is intended to interfere with otherwise waffle an ordinary uses of public property.

3. DEFINITIONS

A. "Camp" means to place pitcher occupy can't facilities, to live temporary overnight in a camp facility,.

B. "Camp facilities" include but are not limited to tents, hot, recreational vehicles, vehicle camping outfits or temporary shelter.

C. "Public property" means all public property including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, parking areas, improved land or improved land and parks.

D. "Special events" means programs operated by or with the consent of the Clifford Township board of supervisors

4. UNLAWFUL ACTS

1. It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to camp, occupy camp facilities on any public property owned, maintained, leased or rented by the Township. This includes streets, parks, parking areas, improved or unimproved lands.

2. This section is not intended to prohibit overnight parking of lawfully registered recreational vehicles or other vehicles adapted for overnight stay that are lawfully parked in a right of way in conformity with any and all other applicable provisions of the state vehicle code.

3. The Board of Supervisors in their discretion may issue a temporary permit to allow camping on public property and connection with a special event.

5. PENALTIES

1. Any personal violator of this chapter being found liable therefore in a criminal or civil enforcement proceeding commenced by the Township, the Township Police Department or the Code Enforcement Officer in the District Court shall pay a fine of not more than \$1000 and court costs including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Township.

11. SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS:

1. Should any part of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid, preempted by other legislation, or unconstitutional, by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Ordinance should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

2. Any ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed.

3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on the

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

by the Board of Supervisors in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF CLIFFORD

By:

CHAIRMAN

SUPERVISOR

SUPERVISOR