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CITY OF WHITTIER  
ORDINANCE #03-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER,  
ALASKA REPEALING WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.24,  
“TRAILERS AND TRAILER CAMPS,”AND AMENDING WHITTIER  
MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12.12, “PUBLIC  
CAMPGROUNDS,”AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UPDATE CAMPSITE FEES  
VIA RESOLUTION, LIMITING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USE TO POSTED  
CAMPING AREAS, AND INCORPORATING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USE  
LAWS FROM WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE 8.24.

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s best interest to offer campsite facilities to its visitors  
and residents and to have clear requirements regarding the use of such campsites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of  
Whittier, that:

Section 1. Classification. This Ordinance is a permanent code ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. Whittier Municipal Code Section 12.12, is  
amended to read as follows:

12.12.010 Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter the following words and phrases are defined as follows:

“Authorized officer” refers to the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee.

“Camping” or “to camp” or any word or phrase corollary thereto means: (1) to remain overnight in any place other than within a permanent building affixed to the ground and designed for human habitation; (2) to park any ~~vehicular trailer~~ **recreational vehicle** designed for human habitation irrespective of the length of time of such parking; (3) to kindle, light, burn or maintain any campfire, bonfire, cooking fire or any other fire, flame or blaze whatever and including any fire or flame produced by any self-contained gasoline, liquid or aeriform gas or other chemical-fuel stove or other flame-producing appliance of any kind whatever and whether situated within or without any motor vehicle or vehicular trailer of any description.

“Camping unit” refers to a recreational vehicle as defined in this section,  
motorized vehicle, or tent.

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43 “Day,” unless otherwise particularly qualified, refers to any 24-hour period commencing  
44 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. on any calendar day.

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46 “Month,” unless otherwise particularly qualified, refers to any 31-day period  
47 commencing at the hour of 4:00 p.m. on any calendar day.

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49 **“Recreational vehicle” means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as a**  
50 **temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, which either has**  
51 **its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. The basic**  
52 **entities are: travel trailer, camper, camping trailer, fifth-wheeler, truck camper,**  
53 **and motor home.**

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55 “Season,” unless otherwise particularly qualified, refers to the camping season for any  
56 calendar year.

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58 “User” means any and all persons, irrespective of age, camping within and upon any  
59 public campground.

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61 “Week,” unless otherwise particularly qualified, refers to any 168-hour period  
62 commencing at the hour of 4:00 p.m. on any calendar day.

63  
64 12.12.020 Camping prohibited except in public campgrounds.

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66 No person shall camp upon any land ~~owned, operated or maintained by the~~ **within** City  
67 ~~except within and~~ upon those lands designated as public campgrounds under the  
68 provisions of this chapter.

69  
70 12.12.030 Designation of public campgrounds.

71  
72 The City Council by its resolution may designate the location and limits of public  
73 campgrounds within and upon any lands owned, operated or maintained by the City and  
74 which campgrounds shall thereafter be open to public camping. The said Council by its  
75 resolution may further designate which of said campgrounds shall be for the free use of  
76 the general public and which of such campgrounds shall be subject to a charge for  
77 camping thereon.

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79 12.12.040 Rules and regulation – Compliance.

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81 The City Council by its resolution may establish rules and regulations for the  
82 administration of all lands so designated by it as public campgrounds. All persons using  
83 or occupying such public campgrounds shall fully comply with all such rules and

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84 regulations so established. All such rules and regulations shall be administered by the  
85 City Manager or the City Manager's designee ~~department and its authorized officers.~~

86  
87 12.12.050 Campsites – Regulations.

88  
89 A. Each public campground designated under the provisions of this chapter shall be  
90 divided into individual campsites each consisting of not less than 700 square feet in area  
91 and of such particular shape and location as shall be determined by this chapter.

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93 B. Each such individual campsite shall not be occupied by more than 15 persons.

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95 C. Unless specified otherwise in this code regarding campsites at particular  
96 campgrounds, each individual campsite shall not be occupied by more than two motor  
97 vehicles and one ~~two vehicular trailers~~ recreational vehicle of any description.

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99 D. A group campsite shall be designated as such by the ~~department~~ City and shall  
100 consist of an area capable of handling up to 15 vehicles and 150 people.

101  
102 12.12.060 Posting.

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104 The ~~department~~ City, by appropriate signs posted upon the ground, shall clearly mark all  
105 those areas designated as public campgrounds under the provisions of this chapter. ~~Such~~  
106 ~~signs shall clearly distinguish between free public campgrounds and those campgrounds~~  
107 ~~for the use of which a charge is made. The department, by other appropriate signs posted~~  
108 ~~upon the ground, shall clearly mark as "no camping" areas all other park or recreation~~  
109 ~~areas not so designated as public campgrounds.~~

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111 12.12.070 Camping charges.

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113 In any public campground designated by the City Council as a camping area for the use  
114 of which a charge shall be paid by the user thereof for the use of each individual or  
115 group campsite therein in the amount and in the manner as follows:

116  
117 A. Fees for the use of campsites will be established by resolution ~~nonecode ordinance~~;

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119 B. ~~Payment shall be made in advance and immediately upon the commencement of~~  
120 ~~occupancy of the campsite, and shall be in full for the entire period of time declared by~~  
121 ~~the user as the period of occupancy intended by him;~~ City campgrounds are designated  
122 as self-registration fee areas. Campers shall register and pay the established fees at

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123 the designated fee station before occupying a campsite. A valid camping permit  
124 must be visibly displayed and attached to all camping units or recreational vehicles  
125 at all times.

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127 C. The use of any campsite may be extended by any user thereof from day to day or  
128 week to week or month to month or seasonal upon payment of charges in advance for  
129 such extended period and which such advance payment shall be made prior to the hour  
130 of 12:00 noon on the calendar day on which the use of such campsite by such user would  
131 otherwise expire;

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133 D. No refund of any advance payment shall be made for any reason;

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135 ~~E. Payment of all camping charges prescribed by this chapter shall be paid by the user of~~  
136 ~~each individual campsite to the authorized officer who shall receipt in writing for such~~  
137 ~~payment upon forms prescribed by the department. A copy of such receipt shall be~~  
138 ~~delivered by the officer to user and such user shall post such copy upon a post provided~~  
139 ~~by the department upon each individual campsite. Such copy shall remain so posted~~  
140 ~~during the entire period of the tenancy of such campsite by the user thereof;~~

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142 F. The tenancy of any user of any public campground for which a charge is made under  
143 the provisions of this section shall terminate at the hour of 4:00 p.m. on the last calendar  
144 day of the tenancy for which the charge has been paid unless such tenancy has been  
145 extended under the provisions of subsection (C) of this section;

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147 G. Upon the termination of such tenancy, the user shall forthwith quit and surrender  
148 possession of the campsite previously occupied by him, and shall immediately remove  
149 therefrom all garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish, and personal property owned by him or in  
150 his possession.

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152 **12.12.075 Recreational Vehicles.**

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154 **No recreational vehicles used for sleeping or living purposes shall be parked for any**  
155 **period of time exceeding 24 hours except in a posted camp area and no cooking**  
156 **shall be done in any recreational vehicle outside of a posted camp site.**

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158 **12.12.076 Recreational Vehicle Waste Disposal.**

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160 **It shall be unlawful for any person occupying or using any recreational vehicle as a**  
161 **place of human habitation to drain or permit to be drained onto the ground any**

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162 waste, sewage or other liquids or to deposit upon the ground any garbage, trash,  
163 drainage, or filth from the recreational vehicle.

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165 12.12.080 Boat trailers.

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167 No vehicular trailer designed or used for the transportation of any boat shall be parked  
168 ~~for any length of time whatever~~ in any public campground except when in the possession  
169 of a person camping therein. ~~A violation of this section constitutes an infraction.~~

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171 12.12.090 Abandoned property.

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173 Any personal property left unattended ~~which~~ for more than ~~72~~ 48 hours is left  
174 ~~unattended~~ by the owner or person entitled to the possession thereof upon any lands  
175 owned, operated or maintained by the City as a public park or recreation area, and  
176 whether within or without an area designated as a public campground, shall thereafter be  
177 impounded by the authorized officer and such property shall be considered abandoned  
178 and shall be disposed of by the authorized officer in the manner provided by ~~this code~~  
179 Whittier Municipal Code Section 8.16.

180  
181 12.12.092 Waste Disposal

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183 It shall be unlawful for any person occupying or using any recreational vehicle to  
184 drain therefrom or permit to be drained therefrom onto the ground any waste,  
185 sewage, or other liquids or to deposit upon or in the ground any garbage, trash,  
186 drainage, or filth therefrom.

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188 12.12.100 Violation – Penalty.

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190 A. Any person violating any provision of this chapter or who, after reasonable notice of  
191 any rule or regulation adopted for the administration of any public campground, refuses  
192 or fails to comply with any such rule or regulation, is subject to a civil penalty not to  
193 exceed \$500.00, plus costs and actual attorney fees incurred by the City in the collection  
194 of the civil penalty assessed.

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196 B. Each day during which any such violation or refusal or failure to comply with any  
197 such rule or regulation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense for which  
198 separate prosecution may be had.

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**Section 3. Repeal of Chapter. Whittier Municipal Code Chapter 8.24, Trailers and Trailer Camps, is repealed.**

**Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.**

**ENACTED this 15th day of March, 2016.**

**ATTEST:**

*Jennifer Rogers for Brenda Krol*  
**Brenda Krol - City Clerk**

*Daniel Blair*  
**Daniel Blair - Mayor**

**Ayes: 5**  
**Nays: 1**  
**Absent: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

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