

CANDLER COUNTY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK & CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE

ARTICLE ONE GENERAL

1.1 Title

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the “Candler County Recreational Vehicle Park and Campground Ordinance”

1.2 Authority and Jurisdiction

Whereas, consistent with Georgia Law, the Candler County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish by ordinance or resolution such local rules and regulations, not in conflict with existing State or Federal Law, relating to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Now therefore be it resolved that the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the Candler County Recreational Vehicle Park & Campground Ordinance. These regulations shall apply to all unincorporated land located within the boundaries of Candler County, Georgia.

ARTICLE TWO GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Definitions: for the purpose of this article the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

- (a) Garbage means readily putrescible discarded materials composed of animal, vegetable, and other organic matter resulting from preparation, cooking and serving of foods. This shall also include materials used for the storage of food, tin cans, glass containers and newspapers.
- (b) Landfill means a county disposal site employing an engineering method of disposing of solid waste in a manner that minimizes environmental hazards by spreading and compacting to the smallest volume and applies cover materials over all exposed waste at the end of

each operating day.

- (c) Owner/Operator means the person, persons or entity who has title, possession and control of said real estate upon which said recreational vehicle(s) or recreational vehicle park is located.
- (d) Recreational vehicle (hereafter referred to as “RV”) means a vehicle or trailer capable of human habitation or designed or used for recreational camping or travel use, whether self-propelled or mounted on or drawn by another vehicle or any structure inspected, approved and designated a recreational vehicle.
- (e) Recreational Vehicle Park (hereafter referred to as “RV Park”) means any single parcel of land upon which two (2) or more recreational vehicles are occupied for temporary sleeping purposes, regardless of whether or not a charge is made for such purposes.
- (f) Recreational vehicle site/space/lot means a plot of ground within a recreational vehicle park intended for the accommodation of either a recreational vehicle, or other individual camping unit on a temporary basis.
- (g) Utility means a public or private enterprise whose purpose is to provide energy, power, water, natural gas, or other utility service to general public.

2.2 General Provisions

- a) No RV may be used for temporary or permanent residential living quarters for more than three hundred sixty-five days (365) in any twelve-month period, unless such occupation occurs in a Campground or RV park as defined above, which has obtained a valid business license from Candler County for the period during which such occupancy occurs.
- b) Campgrounds and/or RV parks shall provide water and sewer services to their invitees that shall conform to all State and Federal laws as well as health department regulations. Such sewer services shall be inspected by the appropriate health department officials or any other duly authorized official to ensure that such sewer services meet any applicable standard for such services.

- c) The County shall not provide poly carts for the individual guests to use for the disposition of garbage. Operators of campgrounds or RV parks shall obtain a suitable collection device or devices for the collection of garbage on the property, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner of any campground or RV park to transport at the owner/operators own expense all garbage from the campground/RV park to the Candler County landfill or other similar/lawful site for final disposition.

- d) The owner and/or operator of any campground/RV park shall maintain such property in such a way that it does not become a public nuisance. The grass and other vegetation shall be cut and trimmed regularly. Grass clippings, bushes, tree limbs that have fallen or been cut shall be removed from the property at the owner/operator's expense and deposited in the Candler County Landfill or other such lawful facility. Garbage will be placed in the collection device described above and shall not be permitted to accumulate on the grounds. Failure to comply with this section shall subject the owner and/or operator of the campground or RV park to prosecution in the Magistrate Court of Candler County, which shall be authorized to levy a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or a term of incarceration not to exceed 10 days in jail or both for each such violation.

- e) Each campground/RV park shall divide its property into numbered spaces, and no RVs shall be permitted to park or camp outside of a numbered space. The owner and/or operator of any campground/RV park shall prepare a map of the property showing the location of each numbered lot. All lots shall be clearly marked with reflective numbers of sufficient size to allow emergency vehicles to locate each such lot. A copy of the map of campground or RV park shall be provided by the owner and/or operator of the campground/RV park to the Candler County Sheriff's Office, the Candler County Emergency Medical Service and the Metter City Fire Department, with whom Candler County contracts to provide fire protection services in Candler County. Failure to comply with this section shall subject the owner/operator or both to the sanctions set forth in Section 4, infra. Any owner and/or operator shall make certain that all emergency personnel have open and easy access to all numbered spaces.

- f) The owner of any RV as defined above shall insure that it remains towable at all times. No RV shall be tied down or otherwise anchored to the earth, nor shall its wheels or axles be removed.
- g) RVs, regardless of where they are located, may not be permanently attached to any permanent power source but may be connected to electricity through extension cords or similar device that may be quickly disconnected.
- h) No RV, regardless of where it is located, shall be permanently connected to a water source or to a septic tank or other sewage disposal apparatus. RVs may be connected to a water source, an RV sewage hose or similar devices that may be quickly disconnected.
- i) The sewage from RVs shall be disposed of in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations. Campground/RV park owners/operators shall make facilities available to persons utilizing their park so that black water and other sewage may be legally dumped.
- j) The lots of any campground/RV park to be rented or otherwise used by RVs shall be landscaped in such a way that water will not collect in the space and all spaces shall be maintained to allow an RV to be moved without difficulty.
- k) RVs may be stored on a property. Such an RV may not be connected to a utility, except to prevent mildew or for basic upkeep. A utility connection shall be considered prima facie evidence by the Magistrate Court of Candler County that such RV is being used for permanent residential purposes, which is prohibited by this ordinance.
- l) No RV may be connected to its own meter that is issued by any public utility, provided, however, that RV park operators may utilize submeters for their lots.

m) All RVs must have a current motor vehicle tag affixed and the owner must maintain current registration on his/her RV.

ARTICLE THREE **FEES**

3.1 Fees

The owner/operator of a campground/RV park shall be subject to an annual fee for the provision of Emergency Medical Services, “EMS”, to the campground/RV park. The fee shall be determined by dividing the total number of campground/RV sites by two (2) and multiplying that number by the current residential/commercial EMS fee imposed in Candler County, Georgia. Total of all EMS fees charged to a single campground/RV park will not exceed \$1,500.00 annually.

ARTICLE FOUR **ENFORCEMENT**

- 4.1** The Magistrate Court of Candler County, Georgia shall have jurisdiction over all alleged violations of any portion of this ordinance and shall have all powers granted to it which are necessary and proper for the hearing and disposition of matters brought before the court. These powers shall include, but not be limited to the authority to issue citations and summons for witnesses, the authority to levy fines or provide such other and further sentences as punishment for the violation of any part of this ordinance, provided such sentence conforms to any restrictions imposed on said court by any constitutional or statutory authority.
- 4.2** Service of any citation for any violation of this ordinance shall be by personal service as prescribed by state law, and citations for violations of this ordinance may be issued by any law enforcement officer, including any court or code enforcement officer

4.3 The Magistrate Court of Candler County, Georgia shall have the discretion to impose sentences for the violations of this ordinance and may impose fines not to exceed \$500.00, incarcerate offenders for a term not more than 10 days in the Candler County jail, require the performance of community service in an amount not to exceed 100 hours, or any part or combination of such possible sentences.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after the date that it is enacted by the governing authority.

Adopted, approved and enacted this ____ day of October 2019, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Candler County.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY

By: _____
Glyn Thrift, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kellie Lank, Clerk

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