

**Chapter [9.60](#)**  
**CAMPING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES**

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**[9.60.010](#) Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) “To camp” means to set up, or to remain in or at, a campsite.
- (2) “Campsite” means any place where any bedding, sleeping bag, or other sleeping matter, or any stove or fire, is placed, established, maintained, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.
- (3) “City property” means and includes all real property owned by the city, other than public right-of-way and utility easement as those are defined herein, and all property held in proprietary capacity by the city.
- (4) “To store” or “storage” means to put aside or accumulate for use when needed, to put for safekeeping, to place or leave in a location.
- (5) “Camp paraphernalia” means, but is not limited to, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, hammocks, or non-city designated cooking facilities and similar equipment.
- (6) “Camp facilities” include, but are not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, or vehicles.

**Statutory Reference:** ORS

**History:** Ord. [1226](#) §1, 1996; Ord. [1510](#) §1 (Exh. A), 2021.

**[9.60.020](#) Prohibited camping.**

- (1) Except as expressly authorized by the Gladstone Municipal Code, it is unlawful at all times for any persons to establish or occupy a campsite on the following city property:
  - (a) All public parks;
  - (b) In a manner reducing the clear, continuous sidewalk width to less than five feet;
  - (c) All publicly owned or maintained parking lots; and
  - (d) All public property located within an area zoned for residential use under GMC Title [17](#).

(2) Except as expressly authorized by the Gladstone Municipal Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to camp or maintain a campsite on any city property during the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

(3) Except as expressly authorized by the Gladstone Municipal Code, it shall be unlawful for any individual to store more than 120 cubic feet of personal property, including camp facilities and camp paraphernalia, on city property during the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the City Administrator or designee may temporarily authorize camping or storage of personal property on city property by written order that specifies the period of time and location:

- (a) In the event of emergency circumstances;
- (b) In conjunction with a special event permit; or
- (c) Upon finding it to be in the public interest and consistent with council goals and policies.

(5) The City Administrator may adopt administrative rules to implement any of the provisions of this chapter.

**Statutory Reference:** ORS

**History:** Ord. [1226](#) §1, 1996; Ord. [1236](#) §1, 1997; Ord. [1510](#) §1 (Exh. A), 2021.

#### **9.60.030 Violation—Penalties and enforcement.**

(1) Violation of this chapter is a Class “C” violation. Each day that a violation occurs will be considered a separate offense.

(2) In addition to any other penalties that may be imposed, violation of this chapter shall constitute a public nuisance and may be abated in accordance with ORS [202.077](#) and [203.079](#).

**Statutory Reference:** ORS [202.077](#), [203.079](#).

**History:** Ord. [1226](#) §1, 1996; Ord. [1496](#) §1, 2019; Ord. [1510](#) §1 (Exh. A), 2021.

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