

Section 2.01 Definitions

Campground: A parcel or tract of land under the control of a person in which sites are offered for the use of the public or members of an organization, either free of charge or for a fee, for the establishment of temporary living quarters for five (5) or more recreational units.

Camping sites: A place used for four or fewer recreational units for overnight stay in an outdoor area. The term campsite generally means an area where an individual, family or group can pitch a tent or park a camper.

Recreational unit: A tent or vehicular-type structure, primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, as defined by the [Public Health Code \(1978 PA 368, as amended\)](#).

Section 22.00 General

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C. Illegal Dwellings

The use of any portion of a basement or partially completed structure for dwelling purposes shall not be permitted unless a temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued. Garages, accessory buildings, motor homes, recreational vehicles, recreational units, trucks, buses, or other such portable structures shall not be occupied for dwelling purposes except as otherwise allowed in this Ordinance.

Section 26.06 Recreational Unit (see also Section 26.21)

R-1, R-2, RR, SR, B-1, B-2, I, FF-1, FF-2, FR

A recreational unit may be used as follows:

- A. As a temporary dwelling in any zoning district until the owner or occupant thereof completes the construction or erection of a conventional housing unit for which a Building Permit has been issued. The use of the temporary dwelling or Recreational Unit shall be limited to twelve (12) months beginning with the issuance of a permit. The permit may be renewed for not more than twelve (12) months at a time upon approval of the administrator for good cause shown. A recreational unit shall be maintained in sound running condition with a current vehicle license.
- B. As a security office in B-1, B-2, I, FF-1 and FF-2 Districts, but only as an accessory use to the main use of the premises, as shown on an approved site plan.
- C. As a temporary contractors office and/or equipment shed in any district when in connection with a construction project authorized by Zoning and Building Permits for periods not to extend beyond 30-days following issuance of the last occupancy permit for the approved project.
- D. The unoccupied storage of recreational units on any property by the owner thereof shall be allowable as a permitted accessory use of the premises where there is a main use.

E. No person shall use or permit the use of any temporary dwelling, "recreational unit", or "recreational vehicle" as a principal or seasonal dwelling on any site, lot, field, parcel or tract of land, except as follows:

1. As part of a campground licensed by the Michigan Department of Public Health.
2. As temporary recreation on a non-commercial/no rental basis on public land where such activity is allowed by state or federal regulations or on one's own land not to exceed one recreational unit on the property for a period of ninety (90) days in a calendar year.
3. As part of an approved campground or camping site as permitted by Section 26.21.

Section 26.21 Campgrounds and camping sites (see also Section 26.06)

A. Campgrounds RR, SR, FF-1, FF-2

1. The minimum health requirements governing campgrounds shall be met.
2. The use shall be developed on a site of at least ten (10) acres and no less than 600 feet of lot width or property width.
3. The use shall not be visible from public streets and shall be screened using a combination of privacy fencing and natural or planted greenbelts.

B. Camping Sites FF-1 & FF-2

Camping Sites may be permitted by the Zoning Administrator in FF-1 & FF-2 Zoning Districts, provided the following standards are met:

1. Waste disposal must be handled in accordance with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's District Sanitary Code.
2. A maximum of four (4) recreational units may be used as temporary dwellings on lots 2 acres or greater for not more than 90 days within a calendar year. No recreational unit shall be stored on vacant land for periods beyond the 90-days of use.
3. Camping sites shall not be commercial and shall not be rented.
4. Camping sites shall meet the setback requirements of the zoning district for principal structures.
5. Camping sites shall be at least partially screened from public view as determined in the sole discretion of the Zoning Administrator by a combination of privacy fencing and or natural or planted greenbelts.
6. A plot plan, meeting the standards of Section 20.00, shall be submitted for review.
7. A zoning permit shall be required for camping sites."