

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2024**

A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “VACATION CAMPGROUNDS”

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Franklin as follows:

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as the “Vacation Campgrounds Local Law.”

Section 2. Requirements

- A. Vacation campgrounds are a special permit use consisting of a tract of land designed exclusively for overnight and short-duration vacation camping (March 1 – November 15), providing lodging accommodations, facilities for tents, campers, recreational vehicles, recreation activities, administration, public health and safety.
- B. Minimum frontage shall be 250 ft. of frontage on a paved public highway/road. Where a parcel of land does not meet this requirement, a minimum frontage of 60 ft. may be permitted for use as an easement for gaining access to a larger parcel that would otherwise meet the requirements of a special permit use. The frontage yard of such a parcel shall begin at the point where a line running parallel with the public highway/road equals 250 ft.
- C. Living quarters for a resident manager, caretaker, or property owner shall be provided within a permanent structure meeting all applicable building codes. A resident manager, caretaker, or property owner shall be on the premises at all times or as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer to oversee the operations and to guard against vandalism during the off season. No other permanent, year-round living quarters are permitted on the site other than designated campsites.

Section 3. Screening

All campground sites shall be screened from the view of adjacent properties and adjoining public highways and roads by means of an opaque screen of plant materials and/or fencing. All screening shall be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer, properly maintained after placement and located within the required front, rear and side yards.

Section 4. Fire protection

The property owner shall insure that adequate fire protection equipment is on the premises at all times, as approved by the Code Enforcement Officer. There must be adequate access to all campsites by emergency vehicles.

Section 5. Phone

Each campground shall have at least one working phone that is accessible to the public for emergency calls.

Section 6. Minimum Spacing

Minimum spacing between campsites shall be 80 ft. from extremity to extremity.

Section 7. Water supply

The site shall be serviced by a private water system. A minimum rate of 200 gallons per day per site shall be provided with a minimum pressure of 20 pounds per square inch at peak demand. An adequate supply of potable water shall be provided within 250 ft. of all campsites. One water spigot with soakage pit or other disposal facilities shall be provided for each ten campsites without water facilities.

Section 8. Sewage disposal

The site shall be provided with a public or private sanitary sewage disposal system subject the following requirements and NYSDOH codes, which shall have authority and jurisdiction:

- A. Toilets, lavatories, utility sinks - Only flush toilets shall be provided unless an alternative system is approved by the authority having jurisdiction. A minimum of two toilets for each sex shall be provided, and in compliance with ADA requirements.
- (a) General requirements. Toilet facilities shall be provided. These facilities shall be constructed of cleanable materials, and maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair.
 - (b) A minimum of four toilets, two per sex, shall be provided at all campgrounds. Additional toilets shall be provided as follows:
 - (1) Campsites without individual sewer connections. One toilet per sex for each additional 25 campsites or fraction thereof, after the first 25 campsites, located within 500 feet of each campsite.
 - (2) Campsites with individual sewer connections. One toilet per sex for each additional 75 campsites after the first 25 campsites, located within 500 feet of each campsite.
 - (3) Urinals may be substituted for up to one-third of the required toilets in the male facilities for campgrounds constructed or enlarged after the effective date of this Subpart. For campgrounds operating prior to the effective date of this subpart, one-half of the required toilets for males may be urinals.
 - (c) For every two toilets, one handwash facility shall be provided. Handwash facilities shall be located in close proximity to the toilets.
 - (d) Utility sinks for disposal of dishwater shall be provided and conveniently located.

Section 9. Showers

One shower for each 15 campsites shall be provided. Each shower must be served with hot and cold water. Two showers must be provided for each sex.

Section 10. Sewer Treatment Facility

The design shall be based on the water supply design flow plus infiltration and approved by the Town and the NYS Department of Health. At least 1 travel trailer/camper/recreational vehicle sanitary dumping station shall be supplied for every 100 campsites or less. The location of septic tanks, distribution lines and disposal fields shall be approved by the Town and the NYS Department of Health.

Section 11. Solid Waste

Trash and garbage shall be stored in enclosed, covered, waterproof containers and removed at least weekly. A dumpster or compactor shall be provided on site enclosed in a fenced secured area approved by the Code Enforcement Officer

Section 12. Vehicular Access

Each campground area shall be provided with two means of access from public roads. Sight distance at each entrance and exit shall be unobstructed for a distance of 300 ft. in either direction and approved by the Town, State or County highway officials. An adequate turnaround for emergency vehicles shall be provided on non-through streets.

Section 13. Streets

Each campground shall provide a collector street with a minimum width of 18 ft for 2-way traffic and 10 ft. for 1-way traffic. As a minimum the street shall be constructed with a gravel base with adequate drainage as approved by the Code Enforcement Officer. Radius of curvature shall be 50 ft. minimum. Grades shall not exceed 12%.

Section 14. Parking

A 14 ft. by 50 ft. strip shall be constructed, as a minimum. A 45 degree pull through camper, trailer, motor home parking spaces shall be constructed, as a minimum with a gravel base and a water-bound macadam surface.

Section 15. Landscaping

The entire site except areas covered by structures, service or parking areas shall be landscaped. All landscaping shall be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer and properly maintained after planting.

Section 16. Noise

No excessive noise will be permitted between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM, not to exceed 60 decibels.

Section 17. Events, Parties, Gatherings

No events/parties/gatherings or fireworks are permitted unless an event permit is granted by the Town Board in its sole discretion.

Section 18. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Town Code of the Town of Franklin shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 19. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 20. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.