

**CHAPTER 27**  
**TRAILERS, HOUSE CARS, CAMPGROUNDS**

**Sec. 27-1. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms shall be deemed and construed to have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this section unless, from the particular context, it clearly appears that some other meaning is intended:

***Qualified campground:*** Shall mean and include a place operated by a person who has obtained from the City of Searcy, a permit to operate a place where there may be maintained, parked, or located house cars or trailer houses.

***House car or trailer house:*** Shall mean and include any vehicle or structure so designed and constructed as will permit occupancy thereof as sleeping quarters for one or more persons, or the conduct of any business or profession, occupation or trade, and so designed that it is or may be mounted on wheels and used as a conveyance on highways or City streets propelled or drawn by its own or other motor power, except a device used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, provided, however, the definition of house car or trailer house shall not be construed to apply to camping trailers that do not exceed an overall length of sixteen (16) feet and are not being used for living or sleeping quarters on the owners' premises in the City. This exception is intended to permit parking of camping trailers only. (*Ord. No. 507, § 1, 10-1-68*)

**Sec. 27-2. Enforcement.**

It shall be the duty of the City inspector of the City of Searcy to enforce all of the provisions of this chapter. For the purpose of securing enforcement hereof, the inspector shall have the right and is hereby empowered to enter upon the premises of any campground, trailer house, or house car, now or hereafter operated within the City of Searcy, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. (*Ord. No. 507, § 2, 10-1-68*)

**Sec. 27-3. Unlawful Parking.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, stand, park, or locate any house car or trailer house at a location other than that approved by the City for that purpose.

No person shall stand, park, place, or locate, or permit to be stood, parked, placed, or located upon any property belonging to him or under his control, any house car, unless the person in control of said house car has a valid unrevoked and unexpired permit from the City inspector. (*Ord. No. 507, §§ 3, 4, 10-1-68*)

**Sec. 27-4. Campgrounds - Permit Required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, maintain, and offer for public use within the City of Searcy, a campground without first applying for and receiving from the City inspector, a permit to do so as hereinafter provided. *(Ord. No. 507, § 5, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-5. Same - Application for Permit; Inspection Fee.**

Every application for permit to operate a qualified campground in the City of Searcy shall be in writing upon a form provided by the City inspector for that purpose. It shall state the name and address of the applicant and a description of the property whereon or wherein it is proposed to conduct such campground. Said application shall also contain such other information as the City inspector may require and shall be filed by the applicant not less than thirty (30) days before said campground is to be made ready for use, and shall be accompanied by an inspection fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per unit space for which the City inspector shall issue a receipt. *(Ord. No. 507, § 6, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-6. Same-Same-Inspection of Premises; Appeal and Hearing Upon Denial of Permit.**

Upon the filing of the application accompanied by the inspection fee, it shall be the duty of the City inspector, or any of his duly authorized representatives, to investigate the premises and determine whether said proposed campground or the site selected therefor conforms with the requirements of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the inspection department, and the laws of the state; and no permit shall be issued unless such camp ground or the site selected therefor complies with such requirements and meets with approval of the City inspector. Said inspector shall reject any application that does not comply with all ordinances of the City of Searcy and laws of the state. Provided however, that any person aggrieved by the decision of the City inspector may, within ten (10) days thereafter apply to the City Council for a hearing shall be set which shall be not later than ten (10) days thereafter, at which time a full and complete hearing shall be had before the City Council, and the City Council shall confirm, modify or disapprove the action of the City inspector. *(Ord. No. 507, § 7, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-7. Same - Correction of Unsanitary Conditions; Notice.**

Whenever inspection by the City inspector of any qualified campground indicates that unsanitary conditions exist therein the City inspector shall notify the person in charge of said qualified campground in writing of such fact and shall set forth in said notice a description of the condition which makes unsanitary the operation of said qualified campground and shall further direct that said condition be remedied by commencing to remedy the same within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of notice and to continue thereafter diligently and continuously until said unsanitary condition has been abated. If, after said notice, said condition is not remedied or if it appears that any other violation of law exists, it shall be the duty of the City inspector, in addition to other penalties provided by this chapter to suspend or recommend the revocation of said permit as herein provided. *(Ord. No. 507, § 8, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-8. Same - Transfer of Permit.**

Any permit issued hereunder shall be transferable upon a written application of the holder of the same to the City inspector with his consent endorsed thereon. *(Ord. No. 507, § 9, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-9. Same - License to Operate.**

Any permit issued hereunder shall entitle the permittee to obtain a license to carry on the business of a qualified camp ground upon the payment of the license fees as required by the ordinances of the City. *(Ord. No. 507, § 10, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-10. Same - Sanitary Facilities Required.**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate and maintain a house car in the City which does not have reasonable immediate accessibility and use of adequate toilet facilities, adequate receptacles for garbage and rubbish, and an adequate supply of pure water for drinking and domestic purposes.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any garbage or other improper substance or any drainage or wash water upon the premises of any campground, except in the proper receptacles provided therefor. *(Ord. No. 507, § 11, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-11. Same - Specifications as to Location and Size of Trailer Spaces.**

Every campground hereinafter established in the City shall be laid out with, and all existing campgrounds shall hereafter provide, sufficient space so that every house car or trailer house shall be arranged in rows abutting or facing on a driveway or clear unoccupied space so that there shall be a minimum space twenty (20) feet between the trailers end to end and a minimum space of twenty (20) feet between trailers, side to side. Each unit shall be so arranged as to have free and obstructed access to the public street or alley. No house car or trailer house shall be parked or installed within ten (10) feet of the adjoining lot or property line or zone line. *(Ord. No. 507, § 12, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-12. Same - Approval of Plans by Electrical Inspector; Drainage; Land Clearance.**

1. Every applicant shall submit a plan of intended construction to the electrical inspector of the City, which shall set out the place, type and number of electrical fixtures, the construction of which shall be approved by said electrical inspector.
2. All land used as a qualified campground shall be located on well drained sites of ample size, free from heavy or dense growth of brush or weeds. The lands shall be free from marsh and shall be graded to insure rapid drainage during and following rain, and it shall be unlawful to permit water to accumulate or stand upon the ground of any qualified campground. *(Ord. No. 507, § 13, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-13. House Cars or Trailers Prohibited in Residential Zone.**

No automobile campground, house car, or trailer house, shall be permitted in any residential zone as defined by the City Zoning Code. *(Ord. No. 507, § 14, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-14. Removal or Termination of Occupancy of Vehicle.**

In the event any house car or trailer house is removed from an area which would otherwise be in violation of the provisions of this chapter or in the event any tenancy is terminated in a rented or leased house car or trailer house which would otherwise be in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter no replacement house car or trailer house, nor occupancy by a new tenant will be permitted unless a valid permit shall have been obtained in accordance with and in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. *(Ord. No. 507, § 15, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27-15. Permit Issued on Incorrect Information.**

Any permit issued pursuant to this chapter which is based upon incorrect information furnished by the applicant or his representative whether intentional or not shall be absolutely void as though said permit had never been issued. *(Ord. No. 507, § 16, 10-1-68)*

**Sec. 27.16. Penalty for Violations.**

Any persons violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and each such person as principal, agent, or otherwise, shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any portion of which the violating of, or failure, neglect or refusal to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted by such person. *(Ord. No. 507, § 17, 10-1-68)*

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