

**NORWICH TOWNSHIP**  
**NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**(Ordinance No. 2016-2)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Norwich Township held at the Township Hall within the Township on November 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., the following Ordinance/ordinance amendment was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Joyce Patrick and seconded by Township Board Member Phyllis Carlson:

**AN AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 3.30E OF THE NORWICH  
TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING CAMPING AND  
TRAILERS.**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH (the "Township") ORDAINS:**

Article 1. Subsection 3.30E of the Norwich Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

E. To protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of Township residents and property owners, travel trailers, motor homes, fifth-wheelers, campers and similar items capable of being duly licensed (collectively, "camping trailers") shall not be used for camping within the Township and shall not be stored outdoors, unless the following regulations and requirements are met:

1. Campgrounds are regulated by other provisions of this Ordinance.
2. No camping trailer shall be used for camping or overnight habitation during the time period of January 1 through the end of February. Camping trailers may be used during January and February only if the Zoning Administrator issues a written winter camping permit for any such use.

3. Each camping trailer must be removed from the lot or parcel on which it is used or stored for at least 60 continuous days per calendar year.
4. No more than four (4) camping trailers shall be kept, stored or utilized outdoors per parcel or lot.
5. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., no noise shall be created or emitted pursuant to the use of any camping trailer or camping that is audible beyond the boundaries of the parcel or lot on which the camping trailer is located.
6. Anyone utilizing a camping trailer within the Township must register the camping trailer with the Township Zoning Administrator prior to any such camping.
7. All sewage storage, sewage disposal and potable water sources shall comply with all applicable requirements of the health department and state law.
8. No garbage, trash or refuse shall be buried, left or disposed of on the parcel or lot where the camping trailer is used. All garbage and refuse must be promptly removed from the lot or parcel on which the camping trailer is located and must be properly disposed of off-site on a regular basis.
9. All camping trailers and camping areas shall be kept and maintained at all times in a neat, sanitary, reasonable and clean fashion and state.
10. No dilapidated, junk or inoperable camping trailer shall be used or stored outdoors on any lot or parcel.
11. No camping trailer shall be used as a permanent residential dwelling.
12. No deck, shed, camping trailer addition or similar item, structure or improvement shall be utilized in conjunction with or attached to any camping trailer. Notwithstanding such prohibition, the following is allowed:
  - a. One storage shed with a ground dimension no larger than 8 feet by 10 feet is allowed for use accessory to a camping trailer per parcel or lot. Such shed shall not be on a permanent foundation.
  - b. One unattached platform is allowed per lot or parcel to be used in conjunction with a camping trailer so long as it has a ground dimension no larger than 6 feet by 8 feet.

13. No in ground septic facilities, water well or electric service on any lot or parcel shall be utilized pursuant to or in conjunction with a camping trailer unless there is a lawful year round dwelling located on the parcel or lot. Notwithstanding such prohibition, the Zoning Administrator may issue a zoning permit for use of such facilities in conjunction with a camping trailer where no lawful year round dwelling is located on the lot or parcel involved so long as any such facilities meet the requirements of both the health department and state law.
14. The use of any camping trailer in violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a nuisance *per se*.
15. Every camping trailer that is required by law to have a Michigan license plate shall have such a current and valid plate attached to its exterior.
16. All bonfires and campfires shall comply with all applicable Township and State of Michigan requirements.

Except for the amendment of Subsection 3.30E as mentioned above, the balance of Section 3.30 of the Norwich Township Ordinance remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article 2. The Remainder of the Norwich Township Ordinance is Unaffected.

Except as expressly amended by this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, the rest of the Norwich Township Zoning Ordinance remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article 3. Severability. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that any portion of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment (or any portion thereof) is invalid or unconstitutional, that shall not affect the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Article 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after this Ordinance/ordinance amendment or a summary thereof appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

The vote to adopt this Ordinance/ordinance amendment was as follows:

YEAS: Boerma, Wentland, Carlson, Estes, and Patrick.

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

THE ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT IS DULY ADOPTED.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Ordinance/ordinance amendment adopted by the Township Board for Norwich Township as of the date, time and place as specified above, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By Patricia Wentland

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Norwich Township Clerk