

**SEVILLE TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF CAMPERS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-0915**

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and control of campers in all zoning districts situated in Seville Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, pursuant to MCLA 41.181, et seq; the purpose of the Ordinance being to protect the health, safety and general welfare of persons and property in Seville Township and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, except that nothing in the Ordinance shall be deemed in conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan which supersedes Township Ordinances.

The Township Board of Seville Township, Gratiot County, Michigan ordains:

**Definition: A “Built Lot” is one on which there is a permanent residence.**

**Section 1: Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as Seville Township Ordinance for the Regulation and Control of Campers.

**Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to protect the people and property of persons and the property owners of Seville Township in regards to their health, safety and general welfare and to regulate and control the placement and use of campers.

**Section 3: Campers**

Campers, as hereinafter defined shall be allowed in all zoning districts, subject to the conditions set forth herein:

- A. Campers are all dwellings of less than 500 square feet of living space, which may reasonably and normally be used for temporary occupancy by people including, but not limited to travel trailers, motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, tent campers, pop-up campers, pickup campers and other items of similar manufacture or use, whether or not normally licensed for transportation purposes by the State of Michigan.
- B. In no case may any Camper be placed in Seville Township for the purpose of permanent occupancy, nor may it be used as a permanent residence.
- C. The site placement of all Campers shall conform to normal “set-back” standards, as defined in The Seville Township Zoning Ordinance, for the parking or storage of any Camper placed within any given Zoning District with regards to roads, street, alleys and right of ways.
- D. No Camper shall be permanently connected or hooked up to a water supply, electrical supply, telephone system, septic system, natural gas supply nor permanently attached to a foundation except, that in a properly zoned campground or campground condominium, as permitted pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan.

- E. No skirting, permanent tie downs or attachments to permanent buildings shall be allowed in regards to any Camper except that skirting and tie downs may be allowed in a properly zoned campground or campground condominium as permitted pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan.
- F. No “gray water” or sewage shall be drained or dumped from any camper except into such collection vehicles or septic disposal systems as may be approved by the Gratiot County Department of Health.
- G. No Campers may be placed for occupancy in Seville Township except for the following:
  - a. For temporary occupancy while building a permanent dwelling and such occupancy would be restricted to (1) temporary unit for a ninety (90) day period and would be renewable by the Seville Township Clerk or his/her designate and,
  - b. For the normal “summer” vacation period which extends from May 15th through September 30th of each calendar year and,
  - c. For the normal “Fall” hunting period which extends from October 1st through November 30th of each calendar year and,
  - d. In no case shall the number of days exceed thirty (30) calendar days in a camper without contacting the Township Zoning Administrator
- H. All Campers on designated campgrounds in Seville Township are required to follow the Township Rules and Regulations for campgrounds, which are posted at campgrounds and can be obtained at the Seville Township Office.
- I. The Seville Township Board shall periodically review use and sitting of Campers in Seville Township and may exercise the option of establishing a fee schedule unique to Campers for the purpose of collecting reimbursement for rubbish removal and pickup and associated administrative costs.
- J. All trash must be disposed of in proper trash receptacles.

#### **Section 4. Parking and storage.**

No person shall park or store any recreational unit upon public or private property in a residential area, except in strict conformance with the conditions set forth in this article.

- A. No recreational unit shall be parked or stored on a residential lot in the front yard setbacks of any residential property. A recreational unit shall be parked or stored, unless otherwise permitted hereafter, in the following areas:
  - a. In an enclosed building, such as a garage, or
  - b. In the rear yard under the following condition: in such cases the unit(s) shall be parked or stored no closer than three feet from any window or door of any residential building and does not violate any township ordinance relating to health and safety standards.
- B. Parking or storage of recreational units shall be limited to residentially developed sites or homesteads.
- C. All recreational units parked or stored outside of a building shall be kept in a state of proper repair and shall be secured to prevent unauthorized entry.

- D. A maximum of five (5) recreational camper vehicles may be stored outside on a minimum of one (1) acre or more provided all setback requirements of that parcel are satisfied.
- E. No recreational unit shall at any time be used for living or housekeeping purposes.
- F. Except as provided in subparagraph (6), no person shall park or store any recreational unit upon any public property located in a residential area, including public streets, stop streets, rights-of way, sidewalks and planting areas between sidewalks and curb lines.

**Section 5: Enforcement**

The foregoing Ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Administrator of Seville Township, Gratiot County, Michigan.

**Section 6: Penalties**

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance or fails to comply with a duly authorized Order issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
1st offense within 3-year period	\$0.00	\$500.00
2nd offense within 3-year period	\$100.00	\$500.00
3rd offense within 3-year period	\$300.00	\$500.00
4th or more offense within 3-year period	\$500.00	\$500.00

Determined on the date of commission of the offense(s).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which Seville Township has incurred in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In now case, however, shall costs of less than \$10.00 nor more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Every thirty (30) days that a violation of this Ordinance exists shall constitute a separate violation.

**Section 6: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication, and supersedes all previously dated ordinances and ordinance drafts regarding campers.