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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
PERTAINING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS.**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Avoca, Arkansas to adopt rules and regulation pertaining to recreational vehicle parks.

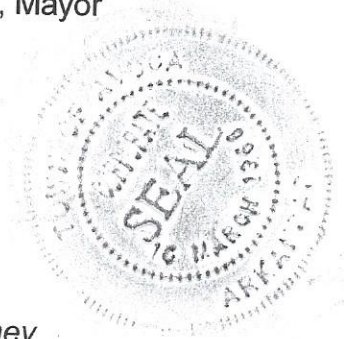
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AVOCA, ARKANSAS: That the document attached hereto entitled Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Recreational Vehicle Parks be, and hereby is, adopted and incorporated by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED July 12, 2022.


ROBERT WHITEHORN, Mayor

Attest:


NANETTE BARNES, Recorder-Treasurer



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AVOCA ARKANSAS

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AUTHORITY

The following Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Recreational Vehicle Parks are duly adopted and promulgated by the State of Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the Laws of the State of Arkansas, including, without limitation, Act 96 of 1913 (Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-109).

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms are defined for the purpose of these Regulations:

- A. **Department:** The Arkansas Department of Health
- B. **Holding tank:** A tank or device used for the temporary storage of untreated human waste.
- C. **Recreational vehicle:** Any of the following:
 - 1. **Travel trailer:** A vehicle portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation uses, permanently identified as a Travel

Trailer by the manufacturer of the trailer and, factory equipped for the road, it shall have a body width not exceeding eight (8) feet and a body length not exceeding forty-five (45) feet.

2. **Pick-up coach:** A structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.

3. **Motor home:** A self-powered, enclosed recreational vehicle dually used as both a vehicle and a temporary or full-time dwelling.

4. **Camping trailer:** A folding or collapsible structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation use.

D. **Dependent recreational vehicle:** A recreational vehicle that is dependent upon a service building for toilet and lavatory facilities.

E. **Self-contained recreational vehicle:** A recreational vehicle that can operate independent of connections to septic/sewer water and electrical systems. It contains a water-flushed toilet, lavatory, shower, and kitchen sink, all of which are connected to water storage and sewage holding tanks located within the recreational vehicle.

F. **Recreational vehicle park:** A parcel of land for which plans, have been approved by the Town of Avoca, where three or more spaces are occupied or intended for occupancy by recreational vehicles for transient dwelling purposes.

G. **Recreational vehicle space:** A parcel of land in a recreational vehicle parking area for the placement of a single recreational vehicle and the exclusive use of its occupants.

H. **Service building:** A structure housing toilet, lavatory and other facilities that are necessary to adequately serve the park occupants.

I. **Sanitary station:** A facility used for removing and disposing of wastes from self-contained recreational vehicle holding tanks.

J. **Service tank:** A slop sink with a flushing rim for the disposal of liquid wastes from small holding tanks.

K. **Service water:** A sanitary station water supply for the wash down of sewage holding tanks, that is equipped with a backflow prevention device, air gap supply line, and drain to the septic system.

L. **Sewage:** All wastes discharging from sanitary conveniences and plumbing fixtures of a domestic nature, exclusive of industrial and commercial wastes.

M. **Septic connections:** The connection consisting of all pipes, fittings, and appurtenances from the drain outlet of the recreational vehicle to the inlet of corresponding septic riser pipe of the septic system serving the recreational vehicle space.

N. **Septic riser pipe:** That portion of the septic line that extends vertically to the ground elevation and terminates at each recreational vehicle.

O. **Water connection:** A connection consisting of all pipes, fittings, and appurtenances from the water riser pipe to the water inlet pipe of the distribution system within the recreational vehicle or mobile home

P. Water riser pipe: That portion of the water supply system serving the recreational vehicle parking area which extends vertically to the ground elevation and terminates at a designed point at each recreational vehicle.

Q. Watering station: A facility for supplying the water storage tanks of recreational vehicles with portable water.

R. Wastewater: Any sewage containing animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution, including but not limited to liquid wastes from toilets, kitchen sinks, lavatories, washing machines, and other plumbing fixtures.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE

Any parcel of land in which three or more spaces are occupied or intended for occupancy by recreational vehicles, where placement and/or maintenance services are provided for a fee, whether new or existing, shall be considered a recreational vehicle park shall be in compliance with these Regulations. The owner or operator of the park shall be responsible for compliance with these Regulations. Requests for waivers or exceptions to these regulations will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approval will be at the discretion of the Avoca Planning Commission.

No person, firm, corporation, or association shall begin construction, alteration, repair, or extension of a recreational vehicle park without first submitting and receiving approval from the Avoca Planning Commission. Detailed plans and specifications shall be submitted that includes the park layout, the septic system, the water source and distribution system, all buildings, parking areas, dump stations and the topographical features of the park.

SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS

A. General requirements

Conditions of the soil, groundwater level, drainage and topography shall not create hazards to the property of the health, safety of the occupants and the adjacent properties. Recreational vehicles shall not be permanently connected to recreational vehicle spaces and shall be quickly and easily moved when a flood event is immanent.

B. Soil and ground cover requirements

Exposed ground surfaces in all parts of every parking area shall be paved, or covered with stone, solid, material, or protected with a vegetative growth that is capable of preventing soil erosion and of eliminating objectionable dust.

C. Required separation between recreational vehicles

Recreational vehicles shall be separated from each other and from other structures by at least ten (10) feet. Any attached awnings shall, for purposes of this separation requirement, be considered part of the recreational vehicle. Only one (1) recreational vehicle is allowed per lot space and two (2) vehicles.

SECTION 4. WATER SUPPLY

A. Quality and source

An adequate supply of water, under pressure, which meets the bacteriological, chemical, and physical requirements of the Arkansas Board of Health Drinking Water Standards, or equivalent, shall be provided in each recreational vehicle park.

B. Individual water riser and connections

1. Individual water riser pipes shall be located within the confined area of the recreational vehicle space at a point where the water connection will approximate a vertical position.
2. Water riser pipes shall extend at least four (4) inches above the ground elevation. The water riser pipe shall be at least three-quarter (3/4) inch in diameter. The water outlet shall be capped when a recreational vehicle does not occupy the lot space.
3. Adequate provisions shall be made to prevent the freezing of service lines, valves and riser pipe. Surface drainage shall be diverted away from the location of the riser pipe.
4. A shut off valve below the frost line shall be provided near the water riser pipe in each recreational vehicle space.
5. Underground stop and waste valves shall not be installed on any water line.
6. All water piping fixtures shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the current Arkansas Plumbing Code.

C. Watering station

1. Each recreational vehicle shall be provided with one or more easily accessible water supply outlets for filling recreational vehicle water storage tanks. Water supply outlets shall consist of at least a water hydrant and necessary appurtenances and shall be protected against hazards of back flow and back siphonage.
2. When recreational vehicle spaces are provided with water service, it shall comply with requirements set forth in Section 4.

SECTION 5. SEPTIC DISPOSAL

An adequate, safe, and approved septic system shall be provided in all recreational vehicle parks for the conveying and disposing of all sewage. All sewage shall be disposed of in a public septic system where one is accessible within three hundred (300) feet. Septic treatment/disposal systems for recreational vehicle parks shall be sized according to the estimated daily flow requirements as specified in Appendix B of the *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Onsite Wastewater Systems, Designated Representatives, and Installers*.

Central laundry facilities where provided shall be reviewed, approved, and permitted by the *Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality*. Central laundry facilities shall not be connected to the onsite waste water system serving the recreational vehicle park.

A. Recreational vehicle sanitary stations

All recreational vehicles parks providing a separate water connection at each recreational vehicle lot space shall also provide at each lot space a connection to an approved septic collection and treatment/disposal system. The septic connection at each lot space shall meet the requirements stated Section 5. A sanitary station is comprised of a conveniently located all weather access disposal facility adequately sized to accommodate septic holding tank discharges from recreational vehicle units not affixed to permanent disposal sites.

1. Each recreational vehicle park shall provide a sanitary station consisting of at least:
 - A trapped four (4) inch septic riser pipe, connected to the recreational vehicle parking area septic system, surrounded at the inlet end by a concrete apron sloped to the drain, and provided with suitable hinged cover.
 - A water outlet, equipped with approved backflow prevention devices, connected to the park water supply system to permit periodic wash-down of immediate adjacent area.
2. Each recreational vehicle parking area shall be provided with a sanitary station in the ratio of one (1) for every one hundred (100) recreational vehicle spaces or fractional part thereof.
3. Sanitary stations shall be screened from other activities by visual barriers such as fences, walls, or natural growth and shall be separated from any recreational vehicle space by a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet.

SECTION 6. ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

If an electrical wiring system is provided, it should consist of approved fixtures, equipment and appurtenances, which should be installed and maintained in accordance with the *National Electric Code*.

SECTION 7. SERVICE BUILDING AND OTHER SERVICE FACILITIES

Service building for recreational vehicle parks.

A. A central service building containing the necessary toilet and other plumbing fixtures specified in Table 1, shall be provided in recreational vehicle parks that provide parking spaces for dependent recreational vehicles. Service buildings shall be conveniently located within a radius of approximately three hundred (300) feet to the spaces to be served. Service buildings shall be conveniently located within a radius of approximately three hundred (300) feet to all areas designated or used for overflow.

TABLE 1

No. of Parking Spaces ^a	Toilets		Urinals Men	Lavatories		Showers		Other Fixtures ^b
	Men	Women		Men	Women	Men	Women	
1-15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 service sink with a flushing rim ^c
16-30	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	
31-45	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	
46-60	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	
61-80	3	4	2	4	4	2	2	
81-100	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	

a Parking spaces for dependent recreational vehicles.

b Additional fixtures including laundry trays, clothes washing machines (one for every 30 sites) and ice-making machine may be provided.

c A service sink with a flush rim shall be provided for disposal of liquid wastes unless a sanitary station is conveniently accessible for this purpose.

For parks having more than one hundred (100) recreational vehicles spaces, there shall be provided: One (1) additional toilet and lavatory for each sex per additional thirty (30) recreational vehicle spaces; One (1) additional shower for each sex per each additional forty (40) recreational vehicle spaces; and One (1) additional men's urinal per each additional one hundred (100) recreational vehicle lot spaces.

B. Where a recreational vehicle park is designed for and exclusively limited to use by self-contained recreational vehicles, for each one hundred (100) recreational vehicle spaces, or fractional part thereof, there shall be one (1) flush toilet and one (1) lavatory for each sex.

C. When a recreational vehicle park requiring a service building is operated in connection with a resort or other business establishment, the number of sanitary facilities for such business establishment shall be in excess of those required by the schedule for recreational vehicle lot spaces and shall be based on the total number of persons using such facilities.

D. Service buildings and sanitary facilities shall be operated and maintained in a safe, clean, and sanitary manner.

SECTION 8. PLUMBING

All plumbing shall conform to the current Arkansas State Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code.

SECTION 9. REFUSE HANDLING

The storage, collection and disposal of refuse in the recreational vehicle park shall be conducted so as to create no health hazard, rodent harborage, insect breeding area, accident or fire hazard.

SECTION 10. PLAN REVIEW

When a recreational vehicle park is proposed or remodeled, properly prepared plans and specifications for such construction, remodeling or alteration shall be submitted to the Avoca Planning Commission for approval before any work is begun.

SECTION 11. RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Site Occupancy: only one (1) RV is allowed per lot. Two (2) vehicles in addition to RV per lot.
2. Speed Limit: 7 MPH speed limit must be observed for all types of vehicles.
3. No motorized scooters, three or four wheelers (i.e., ATV's) are allowed in the park. Manual & electric scooters, and bikes are allowed.
4. The following are NOT allowed on sites:
 - a. No clothes lines or hanging of laundry.
 - b. No appliances outside the RV.
 - c. Open storage containers (plastic storage containers are permitted under your rig orderly)
 - d. No walking through occupied sites or vacant sites.
 - e. Open campfires are prohibited at sites. Fires must be in screened, self-contained fire pits. Charcoal or gas BBQ grills are permitted.
 - f. Fireworks are not allowed.
 - g. For Sales signs may not be placed on any item in the park.
5. Maximum stay allowed is 30 days. If you wish to extend your stay, you must vacate the premises for a minimum of 7 days. You will be assigned a new site upon arrival.
6. Recreational vehicles must be no older than 10 (ten) years old.
7. The recreational area must have an onsite manager.
8. The recreational area must be gated and have 24 (hour) security.

SECTION 12. PENALTY

Every firm, person, or corporation who violates any of the rules and regulations issued or promulgated by the Avoca Planning Commission or who violates any condition of a license, permit, certificate, or any other type of registration issued by the Town of Avoca may be assessed a civil penalty by the Town of Avoca. The penalty shall not exceed five hundred and dollars (\$500) for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation may be deemed a separate violation for the purposes of penalty assessments.

However, no civil penalty may be assessed until the person charged with the violation has been given the opportunity for a hearing on the violation (Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-101).

SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these Rules and Regulations, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these Rules and Regulations which can give effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions hereto are declared to be severable.

SECTION 14. REPEAL

All Regulations and parts of Regulations in conflict herewith are herewith repealed.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing Rules and Regulations for Recreational Vehicles Park in Avoca Arkansas were adopted by the Town of Avoca Planning Commission at a regular session of said meeting held in Avoca, Arkansas on the 17 day of May, 2022.



Oscar Alvarenga, Planning Chairmen

Dated at Avoca, Arkansas on the 17 day of May, 2022

The foregoing Rules and Regulations, copy having been filed in my office, are hereby approved this 17 day of May, 2022.



Nanette Barnes, Recorder/Treasurer

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