

**CITY OF LANGLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1014
AMENDING LANGLEY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.13.030 REGULATING
THE LENGTH OF OVERNIGHT CAMPING STAYS**

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has adopted regulatory limitations on the length of stay for overnight camping in state parks; and

WHEREAS, many cities in Washington have adopted similar regulatory limitations; and

WHEREAS, THE City of Langley wishes to place reasonable limits on the length of stay for overnight camping within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of reasonable limits on the length of stay for overnight camping is consistent with public policies that are intended to ensure that overnight camping remains a temporary, rather than a permanent activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Langley does hereby ordain as follows:

10.13.030 No outdoor camping permitted.

Outdoor camping within Langley’s public parks, rights-of-way, and other city-owned public property is not permitted except by prior approval of the city council, provided sanitary and garbage facilities must be available for groups of outdoor campers.

Exceptions.

A. The occupants of each single-family residence in the city or their guests, regardless of zoning district, may camp in no more than one recreational vehicle on private property for up to seven days without a permit issued by the city, and for an extended period not to exceed 30 days upon issuance of a temporary use permit by the city planning director.

1. The permit issued must be affixed to the recreational vehicle in such a manner that it is prominently displayed and visible, to the extent possible, from the public right-of-way.

2. Recreational vehicles meeting the requirements of this subsection may be parked in a front yard, need not be sight-screened and need not comply with accessory structure setback requirements for the effective period of the permit.

3. Each residence will be limited to one temporary use permit within any six-month period.

B. This chapter shall not pertain in any property upon which by local ordinance or special event permit approved by the council overnight camping within the city limits of Langley is allowed. In which case, the ordinance establishing such special area or areas shall have primary authority regarding this activity. (Ord. 981 § 1, 2012)

C. Except as set forth in paragraph A above (which applies to single-family residences), unless specifically authorized by the City Council, outdoor camping on any site, whether public or private, is limited to fourteen (14) days within any thirty (30) day period.

SECTION 2 - Invalidity. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five days from the date of publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON, and approved by the Mayor at a regular meeting held this ___ day of _____, 2015.

FRED McCARTHY, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Director of Finance/Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JEFF TARADAY, City Attorney