

TOWN OF THORNTON CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS

Adopted by the Planning Board at a Public Hearing held on:

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RSA 485 EnvWs –1005.12 require that campgrounds have subdivision approval for all campsites.

I. General

A. Definition – A campground is a specific area approved by the Planning Board for use by the General Public on a controlled, commercial basis utilizing, as shelters, tents, pop-up trailers, motor homes, house trailer, fifth wheelers etc.

B. Zones where Campgrounds are Permitted – Campgrounds are permitted in: all Zones.

C. Compliance with New Hampshire RSA's (Revised Statutes Annotated).
The following RSA's shall apply:

RSA 216-I:1 Definitions

RSA 216-I:2 Density

RSA 216-I:3 Water Supply

RSA 216-I:4 Disposal System – Including Ens-Ws-1005.2/Recreational Campgrounds

RSA 216-I:5 Registration

RSA-216:I:9 Fireplaces and Fires

RSA-485A:26 Swimming Pools Including Env-Ws 1100

II. Site Specific Details – The Planning Board shall review all applications for campgrounds.

A. Site Plan Review shall address the following items:

1. Permanent structures such as care-taker's house, office, storage buildings, public showers and/or toilets, free standing bulletin boards, directional signs, swimming pool and playgrounds are permitted but must be identified during the site plan review process.

2. Features such as access to campsites, allowed campfire sites, potable water source, and areas requiring clearing or grading shall also be identified.

B. Set Backs & Natural Screening. Set backs for structures and permanent driveways shall conform to those described in subdivision regulations. Individual campsites, especially those on the perimeter of the site, shall be provided with natural screening where ever possible to provide reasonable privacy both to the campsites and to abutters.

C. Details of the campground plan may be reviewed under the terms of Innovative Land Use as Defined in RSA 674:21 when regulations for its use are adopted by the Planning Board.

III. Special Conditions

A. The campground must be managed in concert with accepted practices involving public safety and welfare.

B. Playgrounds shall not include any motorized or powered playground equipment.

C. The owner or manager of the campground is liable for claims arising from campground activity.

D. Off season storage of vehicles or trailers in the campground by the owner/manager, is permitted, but storage of abandoned or derelict vehicles and trailers is not allowed.

E. Campsites are for temporary occupancy only and are not to be utilized as the basis of claiming permanent year round residency.

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IV. Enforcement: Modifications to the approved site plan without further Planning Board

approvals and violations of Section III are not permitted. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen and they are hereby empowered to administer and enforce the provisions of this regulation.

V. Penalty: The Selectmen may impose a penalty of up to \$50.00 per day for minor violation of the regulation and up to and including campground closure for major violations dealing with issues of public safety.