

Chapter 19

TRAILERS AND TRAILER CAMPS*

Sec. 19-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to insure the protection of the health, peace and welfare of the residents of the town. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1)

Sec. 19-2. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following words shall have the following respective definitions:

Automobile trailer or trailer coach shall be deemed to be any vehicle which is used as sleeping or living quarters, which is or may be mounted on wheels, and is or may be propelled either by its own power or by another power driven vehicle to which it may be attached.

Department of health shall be deemed to mean the local department of health.

Permittee shall be deemed to apply to any person receiving a permit to conduct or maintain a trailer camp.

Trailer camp shall be deemed to be any lot or parcel of land which is used or permitted to be used for the parking of an occupied trailer or trailers. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(1), (2))

Trailer lot shall be deemed to be that section of ground in a trailer camp used or designed for use as a location for a single automobile and trailer, or a single house car. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(1), (2), (3))

Cross reference—Rules of construction and definitions generally, § 1-3.

Sec. 19-3. Prerequisites to establishment, maintenance or operation.

(a) No person shall establish, maintain, conduct, or operate any trailer camp within the limits of the town without first having obtained:

- (1) An application for same, with approval from the department of health.
- (2) An operator's permit therefor, from the town clerk.
- (3) A permit bond of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to guarantee compliance with this chapter.
- (4) A permit from the zoning board (where such zoning boards exist).
- (5) Permits from local building inspector, plumbing inspector, electrical inspector or similar agencies (where such agencies are provided for by the town).

***Cross reference**—Housing ordinance, App. A.

State law references—Authority to regulate trailers and trailer parks, G.S. § 7-148(a)(22); mobile home parks, owners and residents, G.S. § 21-64 et seq.

(b) Application to conduct or maintain a trailer camp shall be made to the department of health on a blank form furnished for that purpose by the department. The applicant shall file with this application proof of ownership of the premises or of a lease or written permission from the owner thereof, together with a complete plan drawn to scale, showing the proposed camp, the location of the trailer lots, and such other details as are hereinafter more fully described.

(c) A permit obtained from the town clerk shall be for the calendar year, or any part thereof, ending September thirtieth of each calendar year.

(d) The permittee shall pay to the town clerk the following amount of money as the annual fee, or the proper proportionate part thereof, for a permit to operate a trailer camp:

- (1) If the area on which such business is to be operated is fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet or less: twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- (2) For each additional five thousand (5,000) square feet or part thereof on which such business is to be operated: three dollars (\$3.00).

(e) The permit which shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall at all times be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises at which any trailer camp is operated.

(f) No trailer or trailer camp shall be permitted in any residence, business or industrial zone if any part of the premises intended for use as part of such camp is within one hundred (100) yards of any residence, church, school or public library. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(2))

Sec. 19-4. Parking space.

No trailer at any camp shall be:

- (1) Parked within one hundred (100) feet from the traveled portion of any public highway.
- (2) Parked on any plot less than thirty (30) feet wide and thirty-five (35) feet deep or of not less than one thousand (1,000) square feet.
- (3) Parked within fifteen (15) feet of any other trailer at such camp. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(a))

Sec. 19-5. Roadways.

All trailer lots shall be grouped in blocks abutting roads or driveways of not less than twenty-five (25) feet in width, giving easy access to and from such lots. Such roadways or driveways shall be properly maintained by permittees so as to prevent ruts, depressions and flying dust. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(b))

Sec. 19-6. Water supply.

An adequate supply of clean water from a source approved by the department of health shall be obtainable at each individual lot from faucets only. Drinking utensils are hereby prohibited at such faucets. Any hose used for distributing water shall, when not in use, be stored in a manner to protect it against contamination and at all times be maintained in a sanitary condition. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(c))

Sec. 19-7. Water-closets, lavatories, showers and slop sinks.

Every trailer camp shall have separate and adequately lighted and ventilated toilet rooms for each sex, within a distance of not more than two hundred (200) feet of any part of such camp, with the following minimum sanitary facilities, supplied with running water, provided for each. Water closet accommodations shall be provided in the ratio of at least one water closet for every fifteen (15) females, or less, and at least one water closet for every twenty-five (25) males, or less; in addition, one urinal for each male toilet so provided. Such water closets shall be distinctly marked "Men" and "Women," and the location of the water closets plainly indicated by signs. Such water closet accommodation shall be based on the total camp capacity, according to the accepted plans and specifications submitted to the department of health with the application, and shall be computed on the basis of a minimum of three (3) persons to each trailer. For the purpose of this computation, the sexes shall be considered as being equal in number. There shall be provided in every toilet room, or within ten (10) feet of the entrance thereof, proper facilities for washing hands, in the ratio of at least one lavatory or sink for every two (2) or less water closets and urinals. Separate facilities shall be provided for each sex. No drinking water faucets or outlets shall be placed in any toilet rooms or water closet compartment. One shower shall be provided for every six (6) trailer lots or fraction thereof up to fifty (50), and one shower for each twelve (12) trailer lots over fifty (50). Toilet and wash rooms shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition by the permittee. Whenever required by the department of health, foot baths shall be installed in each male and female shower room and the permittee shall provide for the maintenance of solutions of water and chlorine having an available chlorine content of at least five tenths (0.5) per cent in such foot baths. Where foot baths are not required, the floor of shower rooms shall be washed down at least twice a day with a chlorine solution of the above mentioned strength. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(d))

Sec. 19-8. Construction.

The floors of all water closets or compartments containing bathing facilities shall be constructed and maintained in a waterproof condition by using cement, concrete, tile, or other type of waterproofing material. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(e))

Sec. 19-9. Disposal of waste.

All excreta and liquid waste shall be collected in proper receptacles and emptied into suitable sewer or cesspool connected fixtures located at or in toilet buildings,

completely partitioned for privacy, ventilated and equipped with facility for rinsing containers. Connections to sewers or sewage disposal systems shall be trapped to prevent dissemination of odors. Spilling or drainage of waste water upon the superficial area of any trailer camp is hereby prohibited. The permittee, or employees under his control, shall furnish such services as may be necessary to maintain sanitary conditions at all times. The sewage disposal system shall be installed in accordance with plans approved by the department of health and shall be altered or extended or the operation modified whenever required by the department of health. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(f))

Sec. 19-10. Garbage and rubbish.

Metal containers with tight fitting covers appropriately labeled shall be provided by the permittee for garbage and rubbish. Where mixed collection is practiced, such containers shall be in the proportion of at least one for every two (2) trailers or fractional part thereof. Where separate collection of garbage and rubbish is practiced, there shall be provided at least one garbage container for every four (4) trailers or fractional part thereof and at least one rubbish container for every two (2) trailers or fractional part thereof. All containers for garbage and rubbish shall be emptied each day and refuse removed from the premises and disposed of in a sanitary manner approved by the department of health. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(g))

Sec. 19-11. Grading and drainage.

All trailer lots and abutting roads or driveways shall be kept free from heavy or dense growth of brush or weeds and from any poisonous or obnoxious weeds, and so graded as to insure rapid drainage. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(h))

Sec. 19-12. Toilets in trailers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or permit to be used or operated any toilet installed or maintained in any trailer, except a flue type chemical, or toilet of other type approved by the department of health, while such trailer is located or camped within the confines of any trailer camp. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(i))

Sec. 19-13. Registration of guests.

There shall be kept in such office a book register upon which the owner or person in control of the automobile and trailer, or house car, upon arrival, shall register his or her name and address and all persons using same, the date of arrival, the state license plate number of the automobile and trailer, or if a house car, the state license plate number thereon, together with the name of the state issuing such license. The permittee at each trailer camp shall each day be responsible for entering the departure of trailers and guests in the book register and for keeping such register in a legible form so as to indicate at all times the trailer count and population at the camp to the satisfaction of

the police and health departments. Such register shall be available at all times for inspection by representatives of the police and health departments. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(j))

Sec. 19-14. Limitation of trailers and population.

No person permitted to operate a trailer camp shall allow the parking of trailers to an excess of the number specified in the application and permit under which the trailer camp is operated until space and sanitary facilities approved by the department of health are provided. The permittee shall not admit trailers to trailer camps or permit the parking of trailers if the population per trailer exceeds four (4) unless written approval of the department of health has been secured. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(k))

Sec. 19-15. Taxation.

Each person licensed to operate a trailer camp shall, between the first and fifteenth day of October of each year, file with the assessors of the town a statement under oath giving the license number of trailer and each motor vehicle parked and registered at such trailer camp on the first day of October of that year. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(l))

Sec. 19-16. Posting of chapter.

Each permittee operating a trailer camp shall cause a legible copy of this chapter to be posted and kept posted at all times in a conspicuous place at such trailer camp. (Comp. Ords. 1961, § 17.1(3)(m))