

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE
ORDINANCE 12-21
REGULATING CAMPGROUNDS

Section 1. Intent.

This ordinance is hereby enacted in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Liberty Grove. Identified areas of concern include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining the rural nature of the Town
- Controlling campground density while balancing the rights of property owners
- Recognizing unique karst topography and the relationship to protecting groundwater resources
- Protecting areas of natural importance such as Dark Sky, Ramsar, Mink River Estuary and other sites of local/county/regional/state/federal and international importance.

Section 2. Definitions.

Definitions other than enumerated in this ordinance refer to Door County Amendatory Ordinance 2019-08. In the absence of any definition in the most recent version of the Door County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance definitions, then reference is made to ATCP § 79.03.

Buffer Zone Borderline - A borderline determined by a measurement that is offset a specified distance from the aforementioned areas of concern.

Wilderness Campground – Is an area for non-wheeled camping accommodations on walk-in sites accessible from a single main trail for tent or under-the-stars camping.

Wilderness Campground Buffer Zone - An area intended to protect environmentally sensitive features specified in this ordinance extending a minimum of 1,000 feet outward from the aforementioned areas of concern. See attached map “Ramsar Site #2218 Door Peninsula Coastal Wetlands Designated a Ramsar Wetland Area of International Importance”.

Section 3. Application and Specifications.

Campground Design – A campground developer approaching a "final" design approval by the Door County Department of Land Use Services shall submit said design to the Town of Liberty Grove in order to comply with the Town's Campground Ordinance. A concept review is recommended and encouraged by the Town of Liberty Grove Plan Commission before Land Use Services is contacted.

Wilderness Campground – Only wilderness campgrounds will be permitted within a “**Wilderness Campground Buffer Zone**”.

- a. **Trails in Wilderness Campgrounds** - main trails to campsite areas shall be no greater than 8’ wide and shall be pervious.
- b. **Parking** - Spaces shall be equal to 1.5 times the number of sites on property and be located adjacent to the main office or entrance area.
- c. **Utilities** - Flush toilets, hand-washing and potable water facilities shall be provided in common areas deemed suitable by Land Use Services and the Door County Sanitarian. Utilities shall not be provided at any wilderness camp sites.
- d. **Campfires** – One campfire ring not to exceed 3’ in diameter is allowed for each site.
- e. **Lighting** – Wherever lighting is required by law, downcast lighting shall be used.
- f. **Motorized and/or wheeled camping units** – are not permitted in the **Wilderness Campground Buffer Zone**

Vegetative screening of all classifications of campgrounds

- a. Screening should consist of vegetation that will visibly block the campground as well as mitigate noise from the surrounding neighboring properties.

- b. Vegetative screening shall be in accordance with wildlife corridor management per Wisconsin DNR Land Legacy Report.
- c. Vegetative screening is recommended to be 2 to 3 rows running parallel to each other with vegetation planted in a staggered pattern.

Section 4 Enforcement.

- a. This Ordinance may be enforced by the issuance of a citation to any violator of this Ordinance by any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of the County of Door, State of Wisconsin, by any State of Wisconsin Officer with police powers, or by any other Law Enforcement Officer employed by the Town of Liberty Grove.
- b. In the alternative, any forfeitures imposed by this Ordinance may be sued for and recovered pursuant to Chapter 778, Wis. Stats., in the name of the Town of Liberty Grove.

Section 5. Penalties.

Penalties for violations of provisions of this Ordinance shall be not less than \$50 and not more than \$250 for each offense, plus the costs and disbursements of prosecution. Each violation of any section constitutes a separate offense.

Section 6. Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinances in whole or in part of the Town of Liberty Grove which conflict with provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Severability.

Provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved at a regular meeting of the Town Board of Liberty Grove, Door County on this 29th day of December 2021.

John Lowry, Town Chair

I, Anastasia P. Bell, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted at a properly noticed, special meeting, held on the 29th day of December 2021 by Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin.

Dated this 29th day of December 2021

Anastasia P. Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Ramsar Site #2218

Door Peninsula Coastal Wetlands

Designated a Ramsar Wetland Area of International Importance

