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Aldermanic Chamber

or immediately after Special Board of Aldermen

1. ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS
 - Downtown Employee Permit Discount Program
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS
7. NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-26-004

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**O-26-005**

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

8. PETITIONS
9. TABLED IN COMMITTEE
 - Petition - L Deerwood Drive - Lot H-103
Tabled at 2/28/24 meeting
10. GENERAL DISCUSSION
11. PUBLIC COMMENT
12. REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN
13. ADJOURNMENT



ORDINANCE

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

The City of Nashua ordains that Part II “General Legislation”, Chapter 225 “Peace and Good Order” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by deleting the struck-through language as shown:

“ARTICLE IV Camping on Public Property

§ 225-6. Prohibition.

- A. ~~It shall be unlawful for any person to use or cause to be used any of the streets, sidewalks, squares or any other public property as a camping place absent prior written permission from the Board of Aldermen or its designee. As used in this section, the term “camp” or “camping” shall mean the use of property as a temporary or permanent place of dwelling, lodging or residence, or as a living accommodation at any time, that has not been authorized by the Board of Aldermen or its designee. Camping may include, but is not limited to, any one or more of the following: storage of personal belongings; using tents, tarps or other temporary structures for sleeping or storage of personal belongings; hanging clothes line; carrying on cooking activities or making any fire in an unauthorized area; or any of such activities in combination with either sleeping or making preparations to sleep (including but not limited to the laying down of cots, cushions, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags or other bedding for the purpose of sleeping).~~
- B. ~~Whenever coordinated enforcement of subsection A, above, is planned reasonable notice shall be provided to the occupants thereof by means of signage, handbills, or oral, in person discourse fifteen (15) days prior to the enforcement activity.~~
- C. ~~If in the course of any enforcement action, city agents or employees come into custody or possession of any person’s personal papers, reasonable efforts shall be made to return such property to its rightful owner. For purposes of this subsection “personal papers”~~

~~means documents of identification including drivers license, professional licenses, birth certificates, passports and similar items as well as financial documents including bank statements, insurance policies and declarations, credit and debit cards, wills, cash, bills and invoices and similar items.~~

~~D. — The requirements of subsections B and C above are not elements of the offense described in subsection A, above, nor shall any failure to adhere to such requirements constitute a defense.”~~

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2026

ORDINANCE:

O-26-004

PURPOSE:

Repealing the prohibition on camping on public property

ENDORSER(S):

Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

Committee on Infrastructure

FISCAL NOTE:

Reduced enforcement costs.

ANALYSIS

O-25-079, Amended, which was passed by the Board of Aldermen on October 28, 2025, added a new article to the Peace and Good Order chapter of the Nashua Revised Ordinances prohibiting camping on public property. This legislation would repeal O-25-079, Amended.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:

Dorothy Clarke

Date:

26 March 2026



ORDINANCE

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

The City of Nashua ordains that Part II “General Legislation”, Chapter 320 “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by deleting the struck-through language as shown:

1. In Article I “General Provisions”, Section 320-1 “Definitions”:

“§ 320-1. Definitions.

The following terms, whenever used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

~~CAMPER—A temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation use including:~~

~~A.—TRAVEL TRAILER—A vehicle which is towed, identified by the manufacturer as a travel trailer, built on a chassis eight feet or less wide and 30 feet or less in length and designed to move on a highway.~~

~~B.—PICKUP COACH—A structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis or cut-down car.~~

~~C.—MOTOR HOME—A self-propelled vehicle with a dwelling constructed as an integral part of the vehicle.~~

~~D.—CAMPING TRAILER—A canvas or other foldable structure built on a chassis with wheels and designed to move on the highway.~~

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~~RECREATIONAL VEHICLE—A vehicle that is:~~

- ~~A.——Built on a single chassis;~~
- ~~B.——Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;~~
- ~~C.——Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and~~
- ~~D.——Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.”~~

2. In Article XIII “Parking, Stopping and Standing”:

~~“§ 320-77.2. Campers and recreational vehicles.~~

- ~~A.——It shall be unlawful for any camper or recreational vehicle to park or remain on any public property, except on public streets where and when parking is otherwise permitted.~~
- ~~B.——Regardless of the fines listed in Section 320-87, any person violating this section shall be fined \$100.00.~~
- ~~C.——This section shall not apply to recreational vehicles or campers used by city employees, city contractors, or permitted vendors in the performance of their official duties.”~~

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2026

ORDINANCE:

O-26-005

PURPOSE:

Repealing the prohibition on campers and recreational vehicles on public property

ENDORSERS:

Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

Committee on Infrastructure

FISCAL NOTE:

Reduced enforcement costs.

ANALYSIS

O-25-080, which was passed by the Board of Aldermen on October 28, 2025, used the definitions of camper and recreational vehicle as found in the City's land use code to prohibit campers and recreational vehicles from parking or remaining on any public property, except on public streets where and when parking is otherwise permitted. This legislation would fully rescind O-25-080.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:

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Date:

26 March 2026