

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION/CAMPER ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-37**

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and control of campers in all zoning districts situated in Republic Township, Marquette County, Michigan, pursuant to MCLA 41.181, et seq; the purpose of the Ordinance being to protect the health, safety and general welfare of persons and property in Republic Township and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, except that nothing in the Ordinance shall be deemed in conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan which supersedes Township Ordinances.

The Township Board of Republic Township, Marquette County, Michigan ordains:

Definition: A “Built Lot” is one on which there is a permanent residence.

Section 1: Title

This Ordinance shall be known as Republic Township Ordinance for the Regulation and Control of Campers.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to protect the people and property of persons and the property owners of Republic Township in regards to their health, safety and general welfare and to regulate and control the placement and use of campers.

Section 3: Campers

Campers, as hereinafter defined shall be allowed in all zoning districts, subject to the conditions set forth herein:

- A. Campers are all dwellings of less than 500 square feet of living space, which may reasonably and normally be used for temporary occupancy by people including, but not limited to travel trailers, motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, tent campers, pop-up campers, pickup campers and other items of similar manufacture or use, whether or not normally licensed for transportation purposes by the State of Michigan.
- B. In no case may any Camper be placed in Republic Township for the purpose of permanent occupancy, nor may it be used as a permanent residence.
- C. No Camper shall be parked or stored within twenty (20) feet of any lake, stream, river or other waterway in Republic Township.
- D. The site placement of all Campers shall conform to normal “set-back” standards, as defined in The Republic Township Zoning Ordinance, for the parking or storage of any Camper placed within any given Zoning District with regards to roads, street, alleys and right of ways.
- E. No Camper shall be permanently connected or hooked up to a water supply, electrical supply, telephone system, septic system, natural gas supply nor permanently attached to a foundation except, that in a properly zoned campground or campground condominium, as permitted pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan.

- F. No skirting, permanent tie downs or attachments to permanent buildings shall be allowed in regards to any Camper except that skirting and tie downs may be allowed in a properly zoned campground or campground condominium as permitted pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan.
- G. No “gray water” or sewage shall be drained or dumped from any camper except into such collection vehicles or septic disposal systems as may be approved by the Marquette County Department of Health.
- H. All Campers shall maintain and display a current license/registration plate if such license is normally required for routine transportation purposes or movement along the roads and highways of the State of Michigan.
- I. One unoccupied Camper may be stored on a built lot; no more than two (2) may be stored on five (5) or more acres.
- J. A property owner, occupant or possessor of a built lot shall be entitled to (a) use of campers on said build lot according to the following schedule:
 - 1. One (1) twenty-one (21) consecutive days per calendar year
 - 2. Not more than three (3) instances of seven (7) day camping per calendar year.
 - 3. Subject to other provisions of this Ordinance, a Special Exception may be applied for at the Republic Township office for property owners of lots consisting of five (5) or more acres in size, whether built or un-built for authority to exceed the time limits allowed by subsection J (1) & (2) and/or storage.
 - 4. A fifteen (15) day grace period on a built lot without a Special Exception
- K. No Campers may be placed for temporary occupancy in Republic Township except for the following:
 - 1. For temporary occupancy while building a permanent dwelling and such occupancy would be restricted to (1) temporary unit for a ninety (90) day period and would be renewable by the Republic Township Clerk or his/her designate and,
 - 2. For the normal “summer” vacation period which extends from May 15th through September 30th of each calendar year and,
 - 3. For the normal “Fall” hunting period which extends from October 1st through November 30th of each calendar year and,
 - 4. For any other dates during the period extending from December 1st through May 14th when a Camper may be placed in Republic township for a period of time NOT to exceed twenty one(21) calendar days and,
 - 5. In no case shall the number of days exceed thirty five (35).
- L. At the end of a time period, as outlines in Subsection K 1- 5 above, the Camper must be removed from the site upon which it was placed.
- M. All Campers on designated campgrounds in Republic Township are required to follow the Township Rules and Regulations for campgrounds, which are posted at campgrounds and can be obtained at the Republic Township Office.
- N. The Republic Township Board shall periodically review use and sitting of Campers in Republic Township and may exercise the option of establishing a fee schedule unique to

Campers for the purpose of collecting reimbursement for rubbish removal and pickup and associated administrative costs.

- O. All trash must be disposed of in proper trash receptacles.

Section 4: Enforcement

The foregoing Ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Code Compliance Officer of Republic Township, Marquette County, Michigan.

Section 5: Penalties

Violation of any part of this Ordinance may subject the violator to possible fine penalty, not to exceed \$500.00 or ninety (90) days imprisonment or both, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 6: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication, and supersedes all previously dated ordinances and ordinance drafts regarding campers.