

# Revampment of Camping Ordinance

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## Sec. 19.5-4. - Prohibited—Overnight camping.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to camp upon a public place.
- (b) Excepted from subsection (a) shall be:
  - (1) Community or other organized camping activities explicitly authorized and approved by the city in writing; or |
  - (2) Camping on the publicly assessable flatlands located east of the Dale Miller Bridge ~~with a permit obtained from the city; and where applicable, written authorization from the property owner.~~ for no more than 3 consecutive or separated days a month and while maintaining a camping area free of litter, excessive debris, and human or hazardous waste.

### (c) Definitions:

*Camp or camping* means the use of a public place for living accommodation purposes of sleeping, or making preparations to sleep, cooking activities, making any fire, or storing of personal belongings.

*Public place* is defined in the Texas Penal Code under Sec. 1.07.

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- ❖ Further, we recommend removing section 19.5-19 which establishes a camping fee.

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## PROS:

1. Eliminate nuisance campers
2. Friendlier, cleaner, more inviting area
3. Help eliminate drug use/sex offenses
4. Help eliminate human excrement
5. Cut down on litter/debris

## CONS:

1. Impact snowbird population in area
2. Impact long-term overnight campers