

# CITY OF PIETERMARITZBURG

## CARAVAN CAMPING GROUND BYLAWS

The Administrator has in terms of section 270 of the Local Authorities Ordinance, 1974 (Ordinance 25 of 1974) approved the following bylaws made by the City Council of Pietermaritzburg.

### Definitions

1. In these bylaws, unless the context indicates otherwise :

"Caravan" shall include a motorised vehicle manufactured or adapted to provide living accommodation and commonly known as a camper but shall not include a towed vehicle commonly known as a mobile home.

"Caravan Camping Ground" means any area of land set aside by resolution of the Council for use as a caravan camping ground;

"Council" means the City Council of Pietermaritzburg.

"Director of Parks" means the person appointed under that designation by the Council;

"Superintendent" means, in relation to any caravan camping ground, the person employed as superintendent of that caravan camping ground by the Council;

2. No person shall camp upon any lands owned by, vested in, or under the control of the Council, other than upon a caravan camping ground.
3. (1) No person shall take into a caravan camping ground anything commonly known as a mobile home or park home, or any vehicle necessary to tow the same.  
(2) Except in the case of persons without caravans but provided with tents for the purpose of camping, no person shall take any vehicle other than a caravan into a caravan camping ground except as is necessary for the purpose of towing a caravan; provided that the Superintendent shall have a discretion to allow any person entering a caravan camping ground with a caravan to bring into such ground one motor cycle and one other vehicle additional to that used to tow such caravan.

4. (1) No person shall camp upon or use for camping purposes any part of a caravan camping ground without first having obtained a permit from the superintendent, having signed the superintendent's arrivals register and paid the fee prescribed in the City Council's tariffs of charges; provided that in the case of any person who arrives during the hours of darkness, or when the superintendent is not on duty, this bylaw shall be deemed to provide that such person shall only be required to comply with its provisions upon the return of the superintendent to duty or by 07h00 the following day whichever happens soonest.
- (2) No person shall camp upon or use for camping purposes any part of a caravan camping ground except upon the conditions of the permit issued to him under bylaw 4(1).
5. The Council reserves the right, through the Director of Parks who is duly authorised thereto, to refuse to issue, extend or renew a camping site permit without assigning any reason for such refusal.
  - (1) Except as provided in these bylaws no permit shall be valid for a longer period than thirteen weeks in any period of one year.
  - (2) The period for which a permit is issued shall, for the purposes of this bylaw, be deemed to commence at the time from which the holder occupies or is allotted a site, whichever is the earlier.
  - (3) Any permit or part thereof may be cancelled by the Director of parks upon the breach by the holder, or any of his party, of any provision of these bylaws or any limitation imposed by him in terms of these bylaws.
  - (4) Any person who remains or permits his caravan to remain within a caravan camping ground for more than two hours after the expiry or cancellation of his permit shall be guilty of an offence; provided that such time may be extended by the Director of Parks upon any good and sufficient cause.
6. (1) Upon the application in writing of any person who has been issued with a permit under bylaw 5(1) the Director of Parks may extend the validity of such permit for a period of up to 12 months, reckoned from the date of such extension, provided such application is made at least 14 days or such lesser time as the Director may in his discretion allow before the expiry of such permit.
- (2) Upon the application of any person, the validity of whose permit has been extended under bylaw 6(1), the Council may renew such extended permit for a further period of up to 12 months, reckoned from the date of such renewal, provided such application in writing is made at least 30 days before the expiry of such extended permit.

Thereafter, upon like application, the Council may continue to renew such permit, for periods not to exceed 12 months on any occasion, and otherwise upon the terms provided for in this bylaw.

7. The issue of a permit to a camper shall not entitle him to occupy any particular camping site and such sites shall be allotted or re-allotted as may be necessary in the discretion of the Superintendent who is empowered to arrange the letting of sites to the best advantage, having regard to the provisions of these Bylaws and the accommodation requirements of campers.
8. The provisions of Bylaw 6 notwithstanding, 80% of every caravan camping ground, shall be reserved for accommodation by persons holding permits valid up to a period of 13 weeks.
9. The provisions of the other bylaws notwithstanding not more than seven persons shall occupy any one site in a caravan camping ground and every permit issued, renewed or extended shall be valid in respect of the occupation of a site by not more than seven persons.
10. No person shall -
  - (1) bring any animal into or keep any animal in a caravan camping ground;
  - (2) hawk or expose for sale any goods whatsoever within the precincts of any caravan camping ground without the written consent of the Director of Parks first being obtained;
  - (3) cut down or damage any tree or bush or unnecessarily disturb any vegetation within any caravan camping ground.
  - (4) wilfully damage any water tap, lavatory, notice board, gate, fence or any property belonging to the Council in or upon a caravan camping ground;
  - (5) in any caravan camping ground, wash clothes, clean household utensils, fish, vegetables or the like, or prepare food, except at such places as are set aside for the purpose or where the Superintendent may from time to time point out; provided that this bylaw shall not prevent any person from preparing or cooking food inside his tent or caravan;
  - (6) board or lodge any person or persons in a caravan camping ground for money or any valuable consideration without the written sanction of the Council and then only on such terms and conditions as the Council may deem fit; provided guests of permit holders may be accommodated upon such person's site subject to the provisions of bylaw 9 and the payment of the fee provided in the City Council's Tariffs of charges;

- (7) drive or ride any motor vehicle in a caravan camping ground recklessly, negligently or without due consideration for the safety of persons and/or property within such ground;
  - (8) cause a breach of the peace by arguing, shouting, fighting or the like, by playing any musical instrument, radio, record player, loudspeaker or the like, or by accelerating the engine of any motor vehicle including any motorcycle, in such a manner as to cause excessive noise;
  - (9) lead electrical cables from any electrical power point provided in any caravan camping ground, to any tent or caravan; provided that this bylaw shall not apply in respect of any power point, the use of which has been hired in terms of the City Council's Tariffs of charges;
  - (10) notwithstanding the provisions of bylaw 10(11), use any electrical power point provided in any ironing room in any caravan camping ground other than for the purpose of ironing in such room;
  - (11) use any electrically operated washing or drying machine in any caravan camping ground.
11. No person, not being a member of the camper's party or a guest of the camper, shall loiter in or about any caravan camping ground.
12. Every permit holder shall;
- (1) take all precautions to prevent the creation of any nuisance prejudicial to the public health and shall observe such of the Public Health and Sanitation Bylaws as he may be required to comply with;
  - (2) make his camp on a site pointed out by the Superintendent and shall comply with the reasonable instructions of such Superintendent as to the manner of making the camp;
  - (3) ensure that his site is kept in a clean and sanitary condition and shall not deposit or cause to be deposited any litter, rubbish or refuse, whether within or without his site, save in places as may be set apart for the purpose by the Director of Parks;
  - (4) be responsible for the maintenance of good order and decency in his camp and shall not allow anything to be done therein which may interfere with the comfort and convenience of other campers;
  - (5) upon vacating any caravan camping ground leave his site in a clean and tidy condition and take steps to have all rubbish deposited in the rubbish bins provided for that purpose. He shall also fill in all holes made in the ground by him or his party.

13. No member of a permit holder's party including his guests, shall commit or fail to observe any of the things which a permit holder is required under bylaws 11, 12 and 14 to prevent, comply with, refrain from or maintain respectively.
14. Every camper, and his guests, on being requested thereto, shall promptly observe and comply with the lawful requirements or directions, whether written or verbal, of the Superintendent in or about or in connection with any caravan camping ground, and no person shall remain therein after having been requested to leave by such Superintendent.
15.
  - (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of these bylaws shall be guilty of an offence.
  - (2) Any person convicted of any offence under these bylaws shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rand in the case of a first conviction or, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction for the same offence, to a fine not exceeding one thousand rand, or, in default of payment of any fine imposed in either case, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months; provided that in the case of a continuing offence, a fine not exceeding fifty rand for each day upon which the contravention continued may be imposed, but no such fine shall in any one prosecution or within any one month exceed one thousand rand.
16. The Bylaws for Regulating and Controlling caravan camping grounds and prescribing Fees to be paid therefor published on 3 July 1947 under Provincial Notice 250 are hereby repealed.

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