

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc.

Form No. 30043

Ordinance No. _____

Passed _____, 20____

CITY OF BELPRE
ORDINANCE NO. 16 (2022-23)

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CAMPING AND CREATING BELPRE CODE
ORDINANCE SECTION 541.12**

WHEREAS, the City of Parkersburg, West Virginia has executed legislation to charge authorized use of publicly owned properties with "Prohibited Camping", and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Belpre has determined that a new Ordinance must be created to deter and prohibit illegal camping in the City of Belpre.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I

The Belpre City Council hereby executes a new Section 541.12 as follows:

Section 541.12 – Prohibited Camping

- A. **Definitions:** "Camping" shall mean the setting up, remaining in, or at property for the purpose of sleeping, making preparations to sleep, storing personal property, and/or performing cooking activities for habitation purposes.
- B. **Camping Prohibited:** Except as may be permitted by the Safety Service Director, no person shall engage in camping in or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, easements, park, conservation park, parking lots, public grounds, public right of way or under any bridge or viaduct.
- C. **Permits:** The Safety Service Director may issue permits only to persons or entities who seek to engage in camping for historical, cultural, or educational purposes and shall be limited to time reasonably necessary to accomplish such purposes.
- D. **Penalty:** Any person who violates any provisions of this Section shall be subject to a charge of prohibited camping. The penalty for the violation on a first offense shall be a Minor Misdemeanor with a monetary fine of up to \$150.00 and costs. A second offense shall constitute a Fourth Degree Misdemeanor and be subject to a jail sentence of up to thirty (30) days and a fine of up to \$250.00. A third offense shall constitute a Third Degree Misdemeanor and be subject to a jail sentence of up to 60 days and a fine of up to \$500.00.

SECTION II

The ORDINANCE shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: December 11, 2023

ATTEST: Kimberly A. Mendeth

James W. Miller
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

PRESENTED TO MAYOR: 12/12/2023

APPROVED BY MAYOR: 12/12/2023

Michael H. Ross
MAYOR

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned Clerk of the Council of the City of Belpre, Ohio, does hereby certify that on December 12, 2023, this Ordinance was published by posting a copy of the same at the five public places designated by the City Council in Ordinance No. 18 (2006-07).

December 12, 2023
Date

Kimberly S. Meredith
CLERK