

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF TENTS FOR RESIDENCY IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, it is essential to maintenance of the public health and welfare that proper sanitation be maintained within the City of Centralia, and

WHEREAS, long term human occupancy requires adequate facilities for sanitation in order to protect the health and welfare both of the occupants in question and surrounding residents and the community at large, and

WHEREAS, use of temporary tents, canopies, or other temporary enclosures as long term residences threatens the health and safety of the community, including the lack of permanent potable water, sewer, and electric hookups and treatment of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. For purposes of this ordinance, the term “tent” shall mean any tent, canopy, lean-to, yurt, or similar structure made out of any material which is commonly used for camping or temporary shelter.

Section Two. It is prohibited for any person to use a tent or similar temporary structure as a habitation for a period in excess of seven (7) days, and no more than four (4) occurrences per year, on any property within the City of Centralia.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. Read two times and passed by title this 21st day of August, 2023.

Alderman Cox: Yes
Alderman Rodgers: Yes
Alderman Deckerd: Yes

Alderman Magley: Yes
Alderman Hudson: Yes
Alderman Wilkins: Yes

Chris Cox, Mayor

Attest:

Marilyn Dick, City Clerk