

Ordinance No. 5 of 2024

Chapter 421. Public Property

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Norwich as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Advertising materials — See Ch. 128. Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 376.

Article I. Tampering

[Adopted 5-11-1915 (Ch. 64, § 64-1, of the 1967 Code); amended 9-18-2018 by L.L. No. 3-2018]

§ 421-1. Interfering with seats and benches.

All persons are hereby forbidden from moving or in any way changing the positions of the seats or benches placed upon the public parks in the City of Norwich, New York, and all persons are hereby forbidden from defacing, injuring or destroying any of said seats or benches upon the public parks in the City of Norwich, New York.

§ 421-2. Penalties for offenses.

Every violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, for each violation thereof.

Article II. Camping

[Adopted 9-18-2018 by L.L. No. 3-2018]

§ 421-3. Camping on ~~City-owned~~ **Public** property.

All persons are hereby forbidden from camping on public property. Public property shall include all property owned by the City of Norwich, within or without the City Limits.

§ 421-4. Penalties for offenses.

- A. Every violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than a minimum of \$50 to a maximum of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, for each violation thereof.
- B. Exemptions may be granted by the Common Council.

§ 421-5. Definitions:

CAMPING

The use of an area for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping or preparing to sleep, including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping, or storing personal property or storing other belongings, making a fire, cooking activities not in an outdoor park grill, or using a tent, or other structure for habitation. These activities constitute camping if it reasonably appears that in conducting one or more of these activities, the person is in fact using the area as living accommodation.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

A public access area including but not limited to streets, roads, including shoulder and median, bridges, sidewalks, alleys, parking lots, parks or other public green space, schools, transportation infrastructure, and any city-owned property.

STORING PERSONAL PROPERTY

Leaving one's personal items, including, but not limited to, clothing, bedrolls, cookware, sleeping bags, luggage, backpacks, wagons, or shopping carts, unattended for more than one hour.

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