

## Town of Sidney

### **Camping Vehicle Temporary Occupancy Ordinance**

#### Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that the temporary occupancy of recreational vehicles (RV's, campers, tag-alongs, pop-ups, motorhomes, etc.) or any other structure designed for short term seasonal occupancy within the limits of the Town of Sidney shall be conducted in a manner that protects health and public safety.

#### Section 2: Definitions

Recreational Vehicle - A vehicle or an attachment to a vehicle built on a single chassis; 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, not including slide-outs; designed to be self-propelled or towed and designed for temporary sleeping or living quarters for one or more persons, and which may include a pick-up camper, travel trailer, tent trailer, camp trailer and motor home. In order to be considered as a vehicle and not as a structure, the unit must remain with its tires on the ground and must be registered with the State Division of Motor Vehicles. Also commonly referred to as an "RV".

#### Section 3: Occupancy Limitations

Recreational Vehicles shall not be occupied for more than 120 cumulative days in a single calendar year. An approved connection to a potable water supply and approved waste disposal system connection does not allow for occupancy on a longer-term basis. No recreational vehicle shall be occupied as a permanent residence.

If for some reason, extenuating circumstances exist that require the need to occupy a recreational vehicle for more than 120 days, a written proposal shall be drafted and submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer shall review this proposal and consult with the Town of Sidney Selectboard for approval or denial. This written plan shall include at a minimum the following information:

\*Length of extension desired – The duration of time shall be specified and include specific dates.

\*Waste disposal – Plan addressing how waste (subsurface wastewater, trash, sanitation) will be disposed of or addressed until short term occupancy of the camper ends.

Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect when enacted, March 25, 2023.