

The City of Eugene allows for overnight sleeping (camping) in certain situations with the property owners' permission. The requirements are set out in Chapter 4 of the Eugene Code (EC) beginning at EC 4.816. The Eugene Code is available online at [www.eugene-or.gov/citycode](http://www.eugene-or.gov/citycode).

## Where is camping allowed?

**Parking Lots** People may sleep overnight in a vehicle, camper, trailer, tent, or Conestoga hut in a parking lot of a religious organization, business, or public entity as long as there is an occupied structure on site. The property owner may grant permission for up to 6 vehicles used for sleeping at any one time.

**Residential Zones** No more than one family may sleep overnight in the backyard or in a vehicle, camper, or trailer parked in the driveway of a single family dwelling. Permission of the tenant, as well as the property owner, is required. Only one tent or camping shelter is allowed in the backyard and must be at least five feet from any property line. A "family" means people related by blood or marriage, or no more than two unrelated adults.

**Vacant Lots** People may sleep overnight in a vehicle, camper, or trailer on a paved or graveled surface located on a vacant or unoccupied lot. The city may require the camping site to be part of a supervised program operated by the city or its agent. The property owner may grant permission for up to 6 vehicles used for sleeping at any one time.

## Are there any other regulations I should be aware of?

Yes, a property owner that allows people to sleep overnight on a property must provide the following:

- Sanitary facilities;
- Garbage disposal services;
- Storage area for campers to store any personal items, so the items are not visible from any public street.

Also, the property owner CANNOT require payment of any fee, rent, or other monetary charge for overnight sleeping.

The City has the right to revoke permission for overnight sleeping if such an activity on that property is incompatible with the uses of adjacent properties or constitutes a nuisance or other threat to the public welfare.

If you have any questions please check with Code Compliance staff at 541-682-5819 or [codecompliance@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:codecompliance@ci.eugene.or.us).

*Note: This document should not be used as a substitute for codes and regulations. The applicant is responsible for compliance with all code and rule requirements, whether or not described in this document.*

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