

## ARTICLE III.

### CAMPSITES AND CAMPING

#### **Sec. 30-56. Permit--Required.**

(a) It is unlawful for anyone to locate a camper, cabin or tent on property other than that person's permanent place of residence without first obtaining a permit and paying the monthly permit fee established by the board of commissioners.

(b) No temporary mobile living quarters, including but not limited to recreational vehicles (RV's), campers, vehicles converted to campers and other similar camping accommodations, shall be located in the county, unless located in an RV park or camping ground, without a permit, unless the dwelling is connected to a permanent, health department-approved sewage system and the occupant has obtained a building permit, at the same location for the construction of an approved residence.

(c) No temporary dwelling, utilized as such, may be used for more than six months or until the certificate of occupancy on the new permanent dwelling has been issued or whichever comes first.  
(Ord. No. 30-1300, 7-24-2001; Ord. No. 30-1350, § I, 6-12-2003)

#### **Sec. 30-57. Same--Application.**

The applicant shall provide to the county in a form acceptable to the county the following information:

- (1) Owner of the land where the temporary mobile living quarters is to be located.
- (2) Permission (lease agreement) from the owner for the use of said property.
- (3) Duration that the temporary mobile living quarters will be at the location.
- (4) The time period that the mobile living quarters is to be used for.
- (5) Address and phone number of applicant.

(Ord. of 10-24-2000)

#### **Sec. 30-58. Same--Issuance.**

(a) A permit shall be obtained from the clerk of the board of commissioners' office for a fee as established by the board of commissioners.

(b) Each permit shall be issued for a definite duration. No permit shall be issued for a period longer than four months at one time. An applicant shall not be eligible to reapply for an additional permit until 30 days after the initial permit has expired.

(c) There shall be a monthly permit fee in the amount determined by resolution of the board of commissioners.

(d) A permit shall not be issued for longer than four consecutive months and in all cases, such permit shall not be issued for a time period longer than the applicable hunting season, plus an additional week on either side of the hunting season dates. There is no charge for temporary mobile living quarters permit for one to three nights.

(Ord. of 10-24-2000)

**Sec. 30-59. Minimum campsite size.**

Only one camper, cabin or tent shall be allowed to be erected per 25 acres of land.

(Ord. No. 30-1300, 7-24-2001)

**Sec. 30-60. Maintenance.**

Permanent electrical hookups, sewer or water or other utility service shall be prohibited. Common electrical service shall be permitted. The permit holder shall maintain the temporary mobile living or campsite in a safe and sanitary manner. Each living quarter, at a minimum, shall have a covered trash container and a self-contained portable toilet.

(Ord. of 10-24-2000; Ord. No. 30-1300, 7-24-2001)

**Sec. 28-23. Discharge of firearms.**

(a) *Occupied dwelling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearms within 150 yards, or discharge any rifle or shotgun utilizing a slug load within 300 yards, of an occupied dwelling without the permission of the owner of such dwelling.

(b) *Prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person in the county to discharge or shoot any gun, airgun, BB gun, pistol, rifle or shotgun utilizing a slug load or other firearms that project lead or any other missile as follows:

- (1) Into a dwelling, house, railroad train, boat, aircraft, motor vehicle, or any building or structure used for assembling of people;
- (2) At a mark, at any inanimate object, or at random, on, along or across a public highway;
- (3) At or from any motor vehicle, at any person, at any other motor vehicle, or at any building or habitable structure; or
- (4) Within 50 yards of a property line or across a property line without the permission of the owner of the adjoining property.

(c) *Exceptions.* This section shall not apply to or affect any of the following:

- (1) All federal, military, state, county, and municipal law enforcement peace officers possessing the duty and power of arrest whether such officers are within or outside their jurisdictions or on or off duty, or any person summoned by such officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the

peace while actually engaged in assisting such officer, or any other person otherwise authorized by state statute;

- (2) Any person lawfully exercising the destruction of dangerous or nuisance wildlife abatement by persons properly permitted by the state department of natural resources, or in the lawful exercise of trapping by properly licensed trappers;
- (3) In connection with the discharge of blank cartridges for theatrical purposes or for signal purposes in athletic or sporting events, military exercise, funerals, reviews, or memorial events;
- (4) Any resident when lawfully defending person or property; or
- (5) Any resident or legal entity engaged in the lawful use or legal nonconforming use under any zoning ordinance at any private or commercial sport shooting range. For the purposes of this section, the term "sport shooting range" means an area designed and operated for the use and discharge of guns, airguns, BB guns, pistols, or other firearms, which project lead or any other missile. All shooting ranges must be inspected and approved by the county sheriff and shall only be used from 10:00 a.m. until one-half hour before sundown.

(d) *Under the influence.* It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm while:

- (1) Under the influence of alcohol or any drug or any combination of alcohol and any drug to the extent that it is unsafe for the person to discharge such firearm except in defense of life, health, and property;
- (2) The person's alcohol concentration is 0.08 grams or more at any time while discharging such firearm or within three hours after such discharge of such firearm from alcohol consumed before such discharge ended; or
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, there is any amount of marijuana or a controlled substance, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-13-21, present in the person's blood or urine, or both, including the metabolites and derivatives of each or both without regard to whether or not any alcohol is present in the person's breath or blood.

(e) *Prescription drugs.* The fact that any person charged with violating this section is or has been legally entitled to use a drug shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this section; provided, however, that such person shall not be in violation of this subsection unless such person is rendered incapable of possessing or discharging a firearm safely as a result of using a drug other than alcohol which such person is legally entitled to use.

(f) *Misdemeanor violation.* Any person convicted of violating subsection (d) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(Ord. No. 30-1000, 1-12-1993; Ord. No. 30-1300, 1-27-1998; Ord. No. 30-1000, 6-18-1998; Ord. of 10-27-1998; Ord. of 7-24-2007)