

**ORDINANCE NO. 822**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON  
AMENDING CHAPTER 8.26 TO THE ANDERSON MUNICIPAL CODE  
PERTAINING TO CAMPING IN PUBLIC**

**WHEREAS**, presently, the City's Camping in Public Ordinance, as codified in Chapter 8.26 of the Anderson Municipal Code, contains elements of private trespass and dumping of personal property on public land. This amendment seeks to remove those components from Chapter 8.26, allowing the Ordinance to pertain solely to camping in public; and

**WHEREAS**, private trespass and dumping or storage of personal property will not go unaddressed in the Code, as Ordinances addressing both of those issues will be submitted to the Council for adoption. The overall goal is to provide the community with clear rules for camping in public, private trespass, and storage of personal property, and avoid intermingling the issues. Anderson Police Department, the City Attorney, and the City Manager believe we have accomplished that objective with the proposed amendment, and recommended ordinances.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON DOES HEREBY  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Chapter 8.26 - CAMPING IN PUBLIC**

**8.26.010 - Camping in public and certain private places prohibited.**

Within the city, it shall be unlawful for any person to sleep or camp:

- A. In or on any public right-of-way, including any street, alley, roadway, easement, median, irrigation canal, or embankment;
- B. In or on any public park or trail or upon the grounds of any public facility or property, whether improved or unimproved;

**8.26.020 - Camp defined.**

As used herein, "camp" shall mean an outdoor place or vehicle for eating, cooking, or sleeping, and includes, but is not limited to:

- A. The use of camping facilities such as tents, tarpaulins, or temporary shelters or makeshift structures;
- B. The use of sleeping bags, cots, beds, or hammocks;
- C. The use of park benches, recreation equipment or similar structures; or

- D. The use of any parked vehicle, including an automobile, bus, truck, camper, trailer, recreational vehicle.

**8.26.030 - Penalties.**

Any person violating this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause it to be posted and/or published in accordance with the law.


The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Anderson held on March 19, 2019, and enacted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Anderson held on April 2, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hunt, Browning and Mayor Neutze

NOES:

ABSENT: Councilmembers Baugh, Cornick

ABSTAIN:

  
Stan Neutze, Mayor of the City of Anderson

ATTEST:

  
Jeff Kiser, City Clerk