

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Related to this ordinance, what is Camping?

It means to pitch, erect, create, use, or occupy camp facilities for the purposes of habitation, as evidenced by use of camp paraphernalia.

A **Campsite** is defined as any place where one or more persons have established temporary sleeping accommodations by use of camp facilities and or camp paraphernalia.

Camp Facilities include, but are not limited to, tents, huts, or other temporary or portable shelters, and vehicles or recreational vehicles as defined by State law.



Camp Paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, tarps, cots, beds, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, hammocks, or other sleeping matter, or non-City designated cooking facilities and similar equipment.

What about sleeping on privately owned property?

Camping, sleeping, or simply being on privately owned property without the owner's permission is unlawful. Do not enter, camp, or sleep on private property without permission from the property owner.

RESOURCES TO CONSIDER

If you are experiencing houselessness or are in need of assistance you may contact the police department or one of our professional partners to inquire about available resources:

Union County Warming Station
501 3rd Street La Grande

NEON (Northeast Oregon Network)
541-624-5101

CHD (Center for Human Development)
541-962-8800

Northeast Oregon Housing Authority
541-963-5360

Neighbors Together Ministries
541-963-9126

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, additional resources, or to see the updated City ordinance in full, visit our website, or contact us directly at:

www.cityoflagrande.org/police-department



La Grande Police Department
1109 K Avenue La Grande, Oregon
(541) 963-1017

CITY OF LAGRANDE



INFORMATION REGARDING CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

In response to recent legislation and community need, the City of La Grande, in keeping with Oregon HB 3115 (2021), State and Federal law, has adopted Ordinance 3259 Series 2023 - Regulating Camping on Public Property and Prohibiting Camping in Certain Areas.

This ordinance provides for reasonable time, place, and manner regulations, aiming to preserve the ability of the City to manage public spaces effectively for the benefit of all persons and our entire community.

This guide is intended to be a resource for all persons in our community.

- See Ordinance 3259 Series 2023 for complete and full details -

LOCATIONS & TIMES

WHERE CAMPING IS RESTRICTED

It is unlawful for any person(s) to establish or occupy a campsite at any time on the following public property:

- All park areas;
- On sidewalks where a minimum of 5 feet of a clear and continuous width cannot be maintained; and
- On all Public Property located within the boundaries of the La Grande Commercial Historic District, as shown on this map →

Camping or maintaining a campsite on ANY public property within the City is unlawful between the hours 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



At the conclusion of camping at 7:00 a.m. all belongings must be removed and the camping - sleeping area must be returned to its original state. It is unlawful to leave or store your items on public property between 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

