

MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE

CHAPTER XII

CAMP GROUNDS

REGULATION 1. Scope

- a. The regulations in this Chapter shall apply to any city, county, city-county, county-state, village, community, institution, person, firm or corporation operating, maintaining or offering for public use with Maricopa County any tract of land on which persons may camp or picnic either free of charge or by payment of a fee. Each and every owner and lessee of any public camp or picnic ground shall be held responsible for full compliance with these regulations.
- b. Primitive camp and picnic grounds offered by this state or a political subdivision of this state are exempt from Regulation 3, a., Regulation 5, a. and c., and Regulation 6 of this Chapter. For purposes of this Chapter, “primitive camp and picnic grounds” means camp and picnic grounds that are remote in nature and without accessibility to public infrastructure such as water, electricity and sewer.

REGULATION 2. Supervision

- a. The management of every public camp or picnic ground shall assume responsibility for maintaining in good repair all sanitary appliances on said ground and shall promptly bring such action as may be necessary to prosecute or eject from such ground any person who willfully or maliciously damages such appliances or any person who in any way fails to comply with these regulations.
- b. At least one caretaker shall be employed by the management to visit said camp or picnic ground every day that campers or picnickers occupy said ground. Such caretaker shall do whatever may be necessary to keep said ground and its equipment in a clean and sanitary condition.
- c. Each camping party shall be allotted usable space of not less than 350 square feet.

REGULATION 3. Water Supply

- a. The water supply system shall be in accordance with Chapter V of this Code and shall be provided in ample quantity to meet all requirements of the maximum number of persons using such ground at any time. Said water supply shall be easily obtained from its source or on a pipe distribution system, from faucets which shall be located not more than 300 feet from a camp or picnic spot within such ground. If water supply is obtained direct from above ground source, said source must be covered properly and water withdrawn by means of open pipe or faucet as approved by the Department. In no case can dipping from open springs, seeps or wells be permitted.
- b. Any water considered unsafe for human consumption in the vicinity of such ground, to which campers or picnickers may have access, shall be either eliminated or purified, or shall be kept posted with placards definitely warning persons against its use.

REGULATION 4. Protection Against Fires

No fires shall at any time be so located as to endanger automobiles or other property in the camp ground. No fires shall be left unattended at any time, and all fires shall be completely extinguished before leaving.

REGULATION 5. Sewage and Refuse Disposal

- a. Supervision and equipment: Supervision and equipment sufficient to prevent littering of the ground with rubbish, garbage or other refuse shall be provided and maintained. Fly tight depositories for such materials shall be provided and conspicuously located. Each and every camp or picnic spot on said ground shall be within a distance of not over 200 feet from such a depository. These depositories shall not be permitted to become foul smelling or unsightly or breeding places for flies.
- b. The method of final sewage or refuse disposal utilized in connection with the operation of any camp or picnic ground shall be such as to create no nuisance.
- c. Basins: A sufficient number of basins, iron hoppers or sinks shall be provided and each shall be collected with a sewerage system; these are to be used for the disposal of domestic waste waters.

REGULATION 6. Toilets

Fly tight privies or water-flushed toilets shall be provided and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Separate toilets for men and women shall be provided, one for each 25 men, and one for each 25 women, or fraction thereof, of the maximum number of persons occupying such ground at any time. No camp or picnic spot within such ground shall be at a greater distance than 400 feet from both a women's and men's toilet. The location of all toilets shall be plainly indicated by signs.

REGULATION 7. Permit Required

No campground shall be operated or maintained in Maricopa County without a permit in force by the Department.