



CAMPING OUTDOORS OR IN A VEHICLE IS PROHIBITED

Camping outdoors or in a vehicle is not an acceptable activity in most communities in California. This activity is temporary in nature and typically seen in recreational locations like recreational vehicle parks, trailer parks, beach areas, river areas, rural areas, and forested areas. In our City of Newark community, camping is **PROHIBITED** because such activity is not compatible with our residential, commercial, and industrial zones, as well as our city parks. When people begin this activity with intentions of making the activity permanent, whether on private or public property, **IT IS PROHIBITED**.

The activity is prohibited because there is no provision as a permitted use in any zone. In addition, the activity is not permitted because that type of short or long-term living does not meet the health and safety standards specified in the state and city law for the occupants. Vehicle camping commonly occurs in areas that are not approved for parking (unpaved areas, front, side, or rear parking), commercial or industrial parking lots, the public streets, etc. This activity belongs in campgrounds, where the appropriate hookups and amenities are provided on a temporary basis.

Outdoor and vehicle camping is associated with noise, crime, fire hazards, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health issues, junk/trash/debris/unused items, dangerous activity including cooking, warming activities, hazardous connections to utilities (water, sewage, electricity, and gas), etc. Sometimes these activities result in fires, explosions, and hazardous materials exposure (sewage). In addition, nearby businesses and residences experience an increase in crime.

Failure to comply may result in consequences including, but not limited to: administrative fines, criminal prosecution, clouding the property title, civil abatement, civil injunction, lien, special assessment, receivership or other legal actions for the occupants, property management, and the property owner. Any City costs for abatement of code violations are recoverable through legal processes.

