

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING SECTIONS 6.15.020, 9.04, 13.04.10 OF THE RIVERSIDE  
MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO CAMPING ON PUBLIC  
PROPERTY AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 6.15.020, Declaration of Nuisances, of the Riverside Municipal Code  
is hereby amended in part as follows:

**“Section 6.15.020 Declaration of Nuisances.**

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I. The outdoor storage of personal property on public property as follows:

1. The use of public property to store, maintain, place or abandon any personal  
property, which includes but is not limited to, camp paraphernalia such as  
tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, tents, huts, or similar personal  
property, on any public street, on any public sidewalk, any parking lot or public  
area, improved or unimproved, any public park, parkway, median or greenbelt, except  
as otherwise provided.

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Section 2: Chapter 9.04, Offenses, Table of Contents, of the Riverside Municipal Code is  
hereby amended in part as follows:

**“Chapter 9.04**

**OFFENSES**

Sections:

9.04.010 Prohibition against certain forms of aggressive solicitation.

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**9.04.600 Camping on public sidewalks, streets, and property.”**

Section 3: Section 9.04.600, Camping on public sidewalks, streets, and property, is hereby  
added to the Riverside Municipal Code as follows:

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**“Section 9.04.600 Camping on public sidewalks, streets, and/or property.**

**A. The purpose of this section is to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the City so that the public streets and areas within the City of Riverside should be readily accessible, available, and safe for residents and the public at large. The use of these areas for camping purposes interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for the purposes for which they were intended. The purpose of this Section is to maintain public streets and areas within the City of Riverside in a safe, clean, and accessible condition.”**

**B. The terms used herein are defined as follows:**

**1. “Camp” includes, but is not limited to, to pitch, erect, maintain, or occupy camp facilities, to live outdoors, or use of camp paraphernalia on public streets, sidewalks, or property.**

**2. “Camping” includes, but is not limited to, use of use of public streets or property for living accommodations or habitation purposes such as sleeping, laying down bedding, storing personal property, etc.**

**3. “Camp Paraphernalia” includes, but is not limited to, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, tents, etc.**

**4. “Camp Facilities” includes, but is not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, or similar equipment.**

**C. Unless otherwise permitted by law or permit, it is unlawful for any person to camp, use camp facilities, or use camp paraphernalia in or on any public park, street, sidewalk, or other public property.”**

Section 4: Section 13.04.010, Loitering so as to obstruct, of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended in part as follows.

**“Section 13.04.010 Loitering so as to obstruct.**

It is unlawful for any person to **camp**, loiter, stand, or sit in or upon any public street, alley, sidewalk or crosswalk so as to in any manner hinder or obstruct the free passage therein or thereon of persons or vehicles passing or attempting to pass along the same.”

Section 5: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and/or 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, in that it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment nor have a significant impact on the environment.

Section 6: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause

1 publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter  
2 of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its  
3 adoption.

4 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III  
8 Mayor of the City of Riverside

9 Attest:

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11 COLLEEN J. NICOL  
12 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

13 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the  
14 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the  
15 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly  
16 adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by the  
17 following vote, to wit:

18 Ayes:

19 Noes:

20 Absent:

21 Abstain:

22 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
23 City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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26 COLLEEN J. NICOL  
27 City Clerk of the City of Riverside