

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 **public** parking lot,
public parking garage, 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. 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.

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 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. 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, sanitary, and accessible condition.”

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

ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2016.

WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2016, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside