

**Henrietta Township  
Camping Ordinance – Temporary Land Use  
Ordinance #30**

Adopted April 13, 1994  
Effective April 13, 1994  
Amended February 28, 2002

AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE  
OF THE PEOPLE OF HENRIETTA TOWNSHIP BY ALLOWING  
CAMPING IN AGRICULTURAL, R-1 AND R-2 ZONED  
DISTRICTS; REGULATED BY TOWNSHIP PERMIT AND  
RESTRICTIONS AS DETAILED IN THIS ORDINANCE

At a Regular meeting of the Henrietta Township Board held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1994 at 8:00 p.m. the following Ordinance was heard and passed:

THE TOWNSHIP OF HENRIETTA ORDAINS:

It is permitted to camp on Agricultural, R-1 and R-2 zoned properties under the following conditions and restrictions:

DEFINITION:

Camping – Use of a commercially constructed device, manufactured with the intent of use as temporary living quarters for people, i.e. camper, fifth wheel camper, tent camper, pop-up trailer or camper, tent or motor home.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

All camping in Agricultural, R-1 and R-2 districts require a township permit, which can be obtained at the township fire station during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturdays. There will be no charge for permits. These permits are restricted to township landowners and verifiable tenants with a minimum of 12-month leases of properties within the township. These permits are not required for approved and licensed campgrounds.

TIME LIMITATIONS:

Agricultural district –       10 days consecutively  
  40 days annually

R-1 and R-2 districts -       5 days consecutively

20 days annually

#### RESTRICTIONS:

1. Setbacks – Camping devices and accessory equipment must maintain the following setback distances:
  - a. Side lot lines – 10 feet.
  - b. Rear lot lines – 10 feet.
  - c. Private and Public road right of ways and easements – 40 feet.
  - d. All permanent structures on property site (all sides) – 10 feet.
2. Sanitation conditions – Must be maintained to Jackson County Health Department code requirements. All fecal matter, effluents, laundry and wash water must be contained in commercially constructed holding containers or systems for this purpose and disposed of by approved sanitary methods.
3. Refuse, Garbage and Trash – Proper disposal of these types of waste is the responsibility of the permit holder.
4. Safety – Permit holder assumes responsibility for safety conditions as they relate to campers on their property, and neighboring properties, or people, which cause loss or harm due to these unsafe conditions.
5. Nuisance and/or Noise – Any complaints by neighboring property owner or owners can cause revocation of permit and denial of future permits.
6. Rental or lease of property for camping exclusively – This is not permitted by this Ordinance.

#### INTENT SUMMARY:

The Henrietta Township Board is implementing this Ordinance to enhance leisure use of properties by residents and landowners, with their families and friends. This Ordinance specifically does not allow mass camping where safety of human element, area residents, or properties is put in any kind of jeopardy. Rental or lease of Township property for camping purposes without approval with appropriate zoning and permits is not allowed by this Ordinance. This ordinance does not restrict parental discretion for children's (minor) use of play tents for normal growth activity.

#### PENALTIES:

Any permit, restriction or intent violations are subject to permit revocation and future permit denial to resident, property owner or property location of whom or

where violations occur. Pursuant to the adoption of Ordinance #37, effective February 28, 2002 any person, firm, corporation or other organization which violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with, any of the provisions of this Ordinance or amendments hereof, commits a municipal civil infraction punishable as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup>** offense – minimum of \$100.00 maximum of \$500.00 fine

**2<sup>nd</sup>** offense (within two years of first offense) minimum of \$200.00 maximum of \$500.00 fine

**3<sup>rd</sup>** offense (within two years of 2<sup>nd</sup> offense) minimum of \$300.00 maximum of \$500.00 fine

Each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

The court may order other relief relative to the infraction(s). This may include, but is not limited to, reimbursement of actual costs incurred by the Township to attain compliance of this ordinance.

#### SEVERABILITY:

All Ordinances, resolutions, or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law and shall take effect thirty days after publication.

Adopted April 13, 1994

Effective May 13, 1994

James Shaughnessy, Supervisor

Sally J. Keene, Clerk