

**VILLAGE OF BIG FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**ORDINANCE #13**  
**CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY-NON PROFIT RECREATIONAL USE**

The Village Board of the Village of Big Falls, Waupaca County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

**Section 1 – Authority**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted in Wis. Statutes 61.22.

**Section 2 – Purpose**

The Village of Big Falls, by its Village Board, hereby creates the following ordinance relating to camping on private property;

Camping on private property by two camping units, including the landowner, or by two camping units with the landowner's written permission, shall be allowed upon issuance of a Village of Big Falls camping permit, subject to the following:

1. An annual Village of Big Falls camping permit must be issued prior to parking camping units on individual campsites. Procurement of said permit is the landowner's responsibility. A calendar year runs from January 1 to December 21 of a given year.
2. Sanitary waste disposal shall be provided by a least one of the following:
  - a. Connection to approved on-site waste disposal system;
  - b. Self-contained holding tank with disposal at an approved sanitary dump station;
  - c. A portable toilet with disposal at an approved sanitary dump station;
3. For special occasions additional camping units, up to six, shall be permitted on individual campsites but no camping shall be more than 10 consecutive days for any special occasions.
4. Unless owned by property owner or authorized by written permission of the property owner, each individual camping unit shall be removed by the unit's owner from the individual campsite after each camping stay.
5. The camping unit shall meet all property set-back requirements of the Village of Big Falls.
6. Contiguous parcels owned by the same landowner must have a parcel address and access.

**Definitions:**

1. "Individual Campsite" means a tax parcel or contiguously owned parcels of land used for overnight camping by not more than 6 camping units.
2. "Camping Unit" means any portable device, no more than 400 square feet in area, used as a temporary dwelling, including but not limited to a camping trailer, motor home, bus, van, pick-up truck or tent.
3. "Special Occasions" means an anniversary party, birthday parties, reunions, family gatherings, or holidays.

**Section 3 - Penalties**

Any person violating the above ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300 per violation. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation. In addition, the Village of Big Falls may pursue injunction remedies and may impose a requirement that the violator reimburse the Village of Big Falls for actual attorney fees incurred in enforcing this ordinance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.

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Original Ordinance signed by

John Durie, Village President

Jackie Baldwin, Clerk/Treasurer