

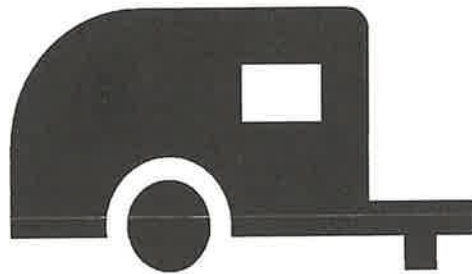


MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
DRINKING WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Legislation Governing

# CAMPGROUNDS

Part 125 of Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978,  
as amended



## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## DRINKING WATER AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION DIVISION

## CAMPGROUNDS

(By authority conferred on the director of the department of environmental quality by section 12511 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being §333.12511 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

**R 325.1551 Definitions.**

Rule 1. (1) As used in these rules:

- (a) "Act" means Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being §333.1101 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (b) "Camping cabin" means a recreational unit that is a hard-sided tent or shelter, that is less than 400 square feet in area, that is on skids designed to facilitate relocation from time to time, and that does not have a direct connection to a source of water.
- (c) "Modern campground" means a campground where water flush toilets and water under pressure are available at a service building or where a water outlet and a sewer connection are available at each site.
- (d) "Park model recreational unit" means a recreational unit that is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels, that has a gross trailer area of not more than 400 square feet in the set-up mode, and that is certified by the manufacturer as complying with American National Standards Institute Standard A119.5.
- (e) "Primitive campground" means a campground where a service building that has water flush toilets is not provided and where sewer connections are not provided to sites.
- (f) "Sanitary facilities" means all of the following:
- (i) The water supply and all water distribution facilities.
  - (ii) All sewage collection, sewage treatment, and sewage disposal facilities.
  - (iii) Service buildings.
  - (iv) Sanitary stations.
- (g) "Sanitary station" means a facility where recreational units equipped with freshwater storage tanks and sewage holding tanks can be serviced.
- (h) "Seasonally sited recreational unit" means a recreational unit that remains on a site for a continuous period of time of more than 31 days in 1 calendar year.
- (i) "Service building" means a structure or portion of a structure that is used to house sanitary facilities, such as water closets, lavatories, and showers.
- (j) "Site" means the camp space or land area designated for each recreational unit in a campground.
- (k) "Temporary campground" means a campground that is used on a temporary or short-term basis that is not more than 4 weeks.
- (l) "Temporary living quarters," as related to camping, means a recreational unit that is occupied or used for more than 4 hours between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

(2) The terms defined in the act have the same meanings when used in these rules.

History: 1954 ACS 68, Eff. July 2, 1971; 1954 ACS 96, Eff. July 19, 1978; 1979 AC; 1987 MR 3, Eff. April 1, 1987; 2000 MR 19, Eff. Dec. 8, 2000.

**R 325.1552 Location.**

Rule 2. (1) A campground owner shall not locate a campground where it may be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(2) A campground owner shall not locate a campground on top of a completed Type II sanitary landfill, as described in Part 115 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being §324.11501 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or on a completed waste disposal facility, as described in Part 111 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being §324.11101 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) A campground owner shall locate all outlets to the water distribution system above the elevation defining the 100-year floodplain. The owner shall locate the top of site sewer connections above the elevation defining the 100-year floodplain. This subrule does not apply to water outlets and sewer risers constructed before the effective date of this rule.

History: 1954 ACS 68, Eff. July 2, 1971; 1979 AC; 1987 MR 3, Eff. April 1, 1987; 2000 MR 19, Eff. Dec. 8, 2000.

**R 325.1553 Applications for construction permits; contents.**

Rule 3. (1) A campground owner shall submit an application for a construction permit for a new campground or for an alteration or addition to an existing campground that includes information regarding the proposed physical facilities. A permit applicant shall submit 4 sets of plans which are drawn to scale, which show the plot plan and details of all planned facilities, and which clearly indicate how the campground will be constructed in order to comply with these rules. A permit applicant shall submit 3 sets with the application to the department and 1 set to the local or district health department having jurisdiction. If the total cost of a project is more than \$15,000.00, then an engineer who is licensed in Michigan shall prepare all plans for new sanitary campground facilities or for additions or alterations to existing sanitary campground facilities.

(2) An application shall indicate the proposed method of garbage and refuse storage and disposal.

History: 1954 ACS 68, Eff. July 2, 1971; 1954 ACS 96, Eff. July 19, 1978; 1979 AC; 2000 MR 19, Eff. Dec. 8, 2000.