

**TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN HALL, 255 MAIN STREET, TALLULAH FALLS, GA
NOVEMBER 7, 2019, 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(1))
- III. Review Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation for a new camping ordinance
- IV. Adjournment

The Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Tallulah Falls, GA have the following recommendations in reference to Draft 4 of the Code Ordinances for Camping:

In Section 1, we recommend amending the definition of camping accessories to clarify the use of hammocks and cooking equipment to allow for personal use by the property owner not be subject to the time limits of said items.

In Section 2, we recommend that the phrase “vacant land” either be stricken from the description, or amended to allow for personal use of said vacant land, with the limitation that is allowed any other camping activity (ex. Time limitations, maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, etc.).

Respectfully submitted by the Tallulah Falls Planning and Zoning Commission:

Van Knighton – Chairman

Mike Early – Vice Chairman

Tresa Dyer – Secretary

Barbara Rice – Commissioner

Keith Knudsen – Commissioner

ORDINANCE NO. _____

TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “ZONING” TO ALLOW CAMPING IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Town of Tallulah Falls is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow camping in certain designated areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article III of the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Tallulah Falls Georgia is hereby amended by adding the following definitions:

Camping: means to place, pitch, or occupy camp facilities, including recreational vehicles; to live temporarily in a camp facility or outdoors; or to use camp paraphernalia for the purpose of temporary human habitation.

Camping equipment: includes, but is not limited to, tents, huts, vehicles, recreational vehicles, vehicle camping outfits, or temporary shelter.

Camping accessories: includes, but is not limited to, bedrolls, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, or cooking facilities and similar equipment.

Personal use: means the use of private residential property by the property owner or by others with the property owner’s permission and without the exchange of any form of compensation or remuneration.

SECTION 2. Article VII of the Zoning Ordinances for the Town of Tallulah Falls Georgia is hereby amended by adding the following use under Sections 702, 904, 1002 and 1203:

Camping, provided that such activity is limited to personal use of camping equipment, camping accessories, or both, on property that contains at least one principal structure (i.e., a house). No camping shall be permitted on vacant land. Camping as a permitted use hereunder shall not exceed seven consecutive days in duration, or occur more than four times per calendar year. A minimum of 14 days is required between each camping period. Property on which camping is permitted shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner. All other uses or activities related to camping shall comply with all other provisions of the Town of Tallulah Falls Code of Ordinances or State law.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Conflicting Provision. Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Tallulah Falls.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

TERI DOBBS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LINDA LAPEYROUSE, Town Clerk
(Seal)

WARREN TILLERY, Town Attorney