

**ORDINANCE NO. 4659-18**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE ELEVEN OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY TO ENACT NEW PROVISIONS FOR CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY as follows:**

**SECTION I.** That a new section be added to Title 11, Chapter 1, of the Code of the City of Johnson City, Tennessee, to be set forth and numbered as follows:

**11-142. Camping on Public Property.**

(1) “Camping” means the erection or use of temporary structures such as tents, tarps, and other temporary shelters for living accommodation activities such as sleeping, or making preparations to sleep. “Camping” includes, but is not limited to, the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping, storing personal belongings, making any fire, doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities, whether by fire or use of artificial means such as a propane stove or other heat-producing portable cooking equipment.

(2) It is an offense for a person to engage in the activity of camping on property owned, leased, or controlled by the City that is not specifically designated for use as a camping area by the City, including but not limited to: any public right-of-way (including public sidewalks), public walking trails, public parks (except to the extent allowed in Title 20 of the Code of the City of Johnson City), The Pavilion at Founders Park, Founders Park, and the pedestrian areas containing flood control measures installed by the city bounded by Roan Street, King Street, Boone/Commerce Streets and State of Franklin Road.

**SECTION II.** BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III.** BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage on third and final reading and publication as required by law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED IN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING  
ON THE FIRST READING April 5, 2018

PASSED IN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING  
ON THE SECOND READING April 19,  
2018

PASSED IN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING  
ON THE THIRD READING May 3, 2018

APPROVED AND SIGNED IN OPEN  
MEETING ON THE 3 DAY OF  
May, 2018  
FOLLOWING PASSAGE ON THIRD  
READING

/s/ David Tomita  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Janet Jennings  
CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ James H. Epps, IV  
STAFF ATTORNEY