

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-XX

**AN ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT USE OF TENTS FOR HOUSING OF THE
PRAIRIE GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE GROVE,
ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section One: Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the 2022 Tent Ordinance.

Section Two: Chapter 11.42 Added to Municipal Code. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, a new Chapter 11.42 is added to the Prairie Grove Municipal Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11.42

USE OF TENTS FOR HOUSING

11.42.01 Restrictions established No person shall occupy or allow occupancy of an air-supported structure, canopy, membrane structure or tent for housing or residential purposes.

11.42.02 Definitions The terms “air-supported structure”, “canopy”, “membrane structure” and “tent” shall have those meanings as defined in section 2402 of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume I. Tent shall include a yurt.

11.43.03 Exemptions

- A. Use of a recreational, camping tent may be made for no more than seven consecutive nights. Use is restricted to backyards in residentially zoned areas.
- B. Events held at the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park are exempt.
- C. The Mayor may, by written proclamation, allow the use of temporary, emergency housing, which may otherwise violate this Chapter, in times of emergency.

11.43.04 Penalty Any person found guilty of a violation in the appropriate court shall be guilty of a violation and may be fined an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for each day of the violation.

Section Three: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after 60 days of its posting.

Section Four: Repealing Clause. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time that this ordinance shall take effect that are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section Five: Saving Clause. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect any rights or obligations existing at the time of the passage of this ordinance.

Section Six: Severability Clause. In the event any portion of this ordinance is declared inoperative or invalid as a result of a statute or judicial decision, then only that portion expressly so declared to be inoperative or invalid shall be affected thereby and all other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Approved this 19th day of December 2022.

Mayor Charles (Sonny) Hudson

(Attest)

Christine Kelly, Clerk