

City of St. Ignace

Zoning Code Amendments

Sec. 38-365: Temporary Shelters may not be used as dwellings. Camping is prohibited on public property and on vacant private property.

Purpose and intent: It is the intent of the City of St. Ignace to assure safe and healthful living conditions on residential property within the City of St. Ignace, whether occupied by a property owner(s), the property owner's family, or by tenants must meet the requirements of the St. Ignace Zoning Ordinance as it applies to residential dwellings and must comply with construction code requirements in the Michigan Residential Code.

Recreational vehicles, tents, and similar temporary shelters within the city limits may only be occupied in campgrounds licensed under Michigan's Public Health Code, except that recreational vehicles and temporary shelters may be placed on lots or parcels which have existing primary dwellings, with permission of the property owner, and may be occupied for no more than 14 consecutive days, and not more than 30 days in a calendar year **as follows:**

1. In campgrounds licensed under Michigan's Public Health code,
2. As temporary recreation on a non-commercial basis on lots or parcels which have existing primary dwellings, with permission of the property owner, not to be occupied for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, and no more than sixty (60) days in a calendar year,
3. As temporary quarters during the active, permitted construction and installation of a dwelling conforming to this Ordinance when the following conditions are met:
 - a. The location of the recreational vehicle or temporary dwelling shall comply with all setback requirements of this Ordinance.
 - b. The use of the recreational vehicle or temporary dwelling shall not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.
 - c. The use of the recreational vehicle or temporary dwelling shall be limited to a duration of twelve (12) months. An extension may be obtained upon approval of the building inspector.
 - d. The use of the recreational vehicle or temporary dwelling may only be permitted by the building inspector after issuance of a building permit, and shall be permitted only during active, on-going construction of a dwelling. Construction planned for the future, but not yet permitted shall not be considered as a reason for exemption.
 - e. Such a permit for temporary exemption shall be issued after the proposed temporary shelter has been inspected by the building inspector, to ensure adequate health and safety standards have been met.