

TOWNSHIP OF VIENNA
ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by adding thereto new sections 18-6 and 18-7 regarding unauthorized occupation of Township property.

THE TOWNSHIP OF VIENNA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Article I of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances.

The Township hereby amends Article I of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new section 18-6 to read as follows:

Sec. 18-6. – Unauthorized Occupation of Township Property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy township-owned or township-controlled property overnight, except as expressly permitted by the Township. Except as permitted, it shall be unlawful for any person to camp on township-owned or township-controlled property, using camping facilities including but not limited to tents, huts, or temporary shelters, or using camp paraphernalia, including but not limited to, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, tarps, or similar items.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep overnight in a vehicle including but not limited to vans, cars, campers, or recreational vehicles on any township-owned or township-controlled property, unless expressly permitted by posted signage or other township authorization.

(c) The prohibitions laid out in this section apply to township-owned and township-controlled properties. These properties include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Streets.
- (2) Parks.
- (3) Sidewalks.
- (4) Alleyways.
- (5) Public easements.
- (6) Public rights-of-way.
- (7) Public parking lots.
- (8) Public areas, whether improved or unimproved.
- (9) Public bike paths or trails.
- (10) Any forested or natural area under township jurisdiction.

Section 2. Amendment of Article I of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances.

The Township hereby amends Article I of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new section 18-7 to read as follows:

Sec. 18-7. – Disposition of items associated with unauthorized occupation.

(a) If camping facilities, camping paraphernalia or other materials are found on township property in violation of the prohibition established under section 18-6, the owner of such property, if present, shall be given an opportunity to remove the property.

(b) If the owner is not present or if they refuse to remove the property, the property shall be removed.

(c) If the owner is not present but arrives during the removal of property, they shall be provided with an opportunity to remove the property.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days upon publication.

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on _____, 2025, adoption of the foregoing ordinance was moved by _____ and supported by _____.

Voting for:

Voting against:

The ordinance is hereby adopted.

Joseph A. Rizk, Supervisor

Cynthia Bryan, Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. _____ which was enacted by the Vienna Township Board at a regular meeting held on _____, 2025.

Cynthia Bryan, Clerk