

September 12, 2024

SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 16, 2024

Council Chambers

5:45 P.M.

Following Service Committee

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AGENDA

1. Consider **Ordinance No. 24-36** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 660 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO WITH REGARD TO CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY
2. Other items at the discretion of the chair

BY _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 660 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO WITH REGARD TO
CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio currently contain various provisions in regard to safety, sanitation, and health; and,

WHEREAS, concerns regarding the significant health, safety, and sanitation issues caused by encampments on public property require consideration of additional regulations; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance was considered and addressed by the Safety Committee of this Council who passed this Ordinance on to the full Council for consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

SECTION 1: Chapter 660 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio is hereby amended to include Section 660.18 which shall read as follows:

660.18 Prohibited Camping

(a) As used in this section:

1. "To Camp" means to set up or remain in or at a campsite.
2. "Campsite" means any place where bedding, sleeping bag, or other material used for bedding purposes, or any stove or fire is placed, established, or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to live, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.

(b) No person may sleep on public sidewalks, streets, or alleyways at any time as a matter of individual and public safety.

(c) No person may sleep in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public sidewalk,

(d) No person may occupy a campsite in or upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane, public right of way, park, bench, or any other publicly-owned property or under any bridge or viaduct unless any one of the following apply:

(i) it is otherwise specifically authorized by this Code;

(ii) by a formal declaration by the Mayor in an emergency circumstance or;

(e) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any person found in violation of this section may be immediately removed from the premises.

(f) Penalty: Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for each subsequent offense in accordance with the penalties as listed in Section 698.02. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. Upon conviction for a violation of this Chapter, in addition to any other factors deemed appropriate by the Court, the Court shall consider in mitigation whether or not the person immediately removed all personal property and litter, including but not limited to bottles, cans, and garbage from the campsite after being informed it was in violation of the law.

SECTION 2: This legislation shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio

ADOPTED this _____ day _____, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

Date filed with Mayor: _____

Date approved by Mayor: _____

JEFF HALL, MAYOR

Approved as to form: _____
Tricia M. Moore
Director of Law