

**BLECKLEY COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. __**

THE JAMES DYKES MEMORIAL PARK CAMPING ORDINANCE.

This Ordinance is adopted regulating the use of The James Dykes Memorial Park specifically to the use of recreational vehicles (RV) camper trailer and 5th wheel trailers.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the sole Commissioner of Bleckley has authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-5-22.1(a)(1) and O.C.G.A. 36-9-8 to promulgate regulations governing the use of county land that the Commissioner deems expedient and in the best interest of the inhabitants of Bleckley County; and

WHEREAS, camping is permitted at James Dykes Memorial Park in Bleckley County, also known as Dykes Landing; and

WHEREAS; the Commissioner of Bleckley County desires to regulate camping activities at James Dykes Memorial Park to ensure that camping activities are conducted in a manner that protects the property of Bleckley County and the health, safety, and wellbeing of the residents of Bleckley County; and

WHEREAS; the Commissioner of Bleckley County has determined that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the health, safety, and wellbeing of the County and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title and Purpose.

The title of this Ordinance is The James Dykes Memorial Park Camping Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate use of recreational vehicles (RV), camp trailers, and 5th wheel campers used at James Dykes Memorial Park

because unregulated camping can be a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance.

Section 2. Authority

This Ordinance is authorized pursuant Georgia Statutes 36-5-22.1(a)(1) and O.C.G.A. 36-9-8.

Section 3. Scope

The Ordinance shall apply to all users of RV campers, camper trailers, or 5th wheel campers at James Dykes Memorial Park.

Section 4. James Dykes Memorial Park Camping Ordinance is set forth below:

- A. RV, Camper Trailer, and 5th Wheel Camper use at James Dykes Memorial Park. Using an RV, camp trailer, or 5th Wheel camper is permitted at James Dykes Memorial Park according to the following limitations:
1. James Dykes Memorial Park is a park designed for recreation, relaxation, fishing, and camping. Residing at the Park longer the limitations set out below is a violation of the ordinance.
 2. Overnight stays in excess of 21 days in any continuous 12-month period is prohibited and is a violation of this ordinance.
 3. Overnight stays at the park are limited to 7 days in a 31-day period.
 4. All recreational vehicles, camp trailers, and 5th wheel trailers must have current registration and be in an operable road worthy condition.
 5. Trash must be managed on-site, and removed from the site regularly and upon completion of the person's stay at the park.
 6. All camp sites must be maintained in a safe, clean, and sanitary manner, so as not to cause adverse impacts to the Park property.

7. Sewage must be disposed of at an off-site facility. Campers shall retain copies of dump receipts which shall be provided to the county or its agent upon request.

Section 5. Enforcement of Ordinance.

The Bleckley County Sherriff's Department is authorized to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 6. Violation of Ordinance.

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance upon conviction or admission of guilt, shall be punishable as follows:

- a. First violation, a fine of \$100 shall be issued.
- b. Second violation, a fine of \$500 shall be issued.
- c. Third violation, a fine of \$1,000 shall be issued.

In addition, any other penalties in conjunction with the violation of this ordinance may be pursued according to State and Federal law.

Any fines assessed for the violation of this ordinance shall be paid to Bleckley County.

Each day of a violation of this Ordinance shall be a separate violation.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the County Commissioner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the governing authority of Bleckley County has duly adopted this Ordinance at a regular monthly Commissioner's meeting on October 20, 2022.

BY: Mike Davis (SEAL)
Mike Davis as Sole Commissioner
Of Bleckley County, Georgia, Second Party

ATTEST: Freida J. Dykes (SEAL)
Freida J. Dykes as Clerk of
Bleckley County, Georgia

COUNTY SEAL

