



RULES OF ST. BENEDICT CAMPSITE

Saint Benedict campsite is a temporary campsite created by the City of Alamosa to provide a designated place for those experiencing homelessness in our community. St. Benedict provides minimal amenities including trash enclosures, porta johns, possibly electricity, wi-fi, and potable water. The campsites are monitored by cameras and the Police Department. Local nonprofit organizations offer services and resources to campers in order to assist them.

The rules and regulations are set up for everyone's protection. Failure to comply with rules can result in a verbal warning, written warning, citation by law enforcement, and in some cases immediate trespass. Repeated failure or substantial violations will lead to being removed from St. Benedict through a trespass order.

1. **Forms** - Individuals using the campsite must sign liability waiver, campsite rules acknowledgement, and pet registration form, if applicable.
2. **Individual Sites** - Individuals shall camp in a marked space and are responsible for keeping the space clean from trash, rubbish, and pet/human bodily waste.
 - a. See pictures at the conclusion of the rules for examples of expectations for maintenance of individual sites and what constitutes clean.
 - b. If the marked space is not kept clean to the proper standards or extends into multiple spaces, a Notice of Violation will be issued, which allows 7 days to clean the site and/or move possessions into one site. If the site is not clean and contained to one space after 7 days, the individual will be trespassed.
3. **Camp Cleanliness** - Campers are expected to participate in scheduled monthly clean-ups of shared areas (entrance and areas around portajohns, water, dumpsters, benches, and electricity).
 - a. Participation will be tracked and if a camper fails to participate within a 3-month timeframe, they will be trespassed.

4. **Fires** - No open fires. Fires are only permitted in screened-in fire pits and the use of charcoal and propane grills is allowed as long as they are used outside. Both screened-in fire pits and grills are only allowed if the city/county is not under stage 2 or 3 fire restrictions (Stage 2 or 3 restrictions mean fires are completely banned). Stage 2 and 3 fire restrictions will be posted and enforcement will be taken seriously. Additionally, all items (fire pits and grills) should be further than 10 feet from combustible structures, fences or vegetation.
5. **Vehicles** - No motorized vehicles are allowed within the designated campsite, including trailers. Motorized vehicles may be parked in the designated parking area when the proper car registration form is completed.
6. **Pets** - City Ordinances that require pets to be vaccinated, registered, restrained, and pet owners to clean up after pets will be enforced.
 - a. Campers will register their pets with Community Service Officers **before** it is brought into St. Benedict and will update the registration form annually.
 - b. Individuals have 30 days to get the annual registration and vaccinations (rabies, parvo, and distemper).
 - i. If, after two warnings, the pet owner has failed to comply with the registration and vaccination requirement, they will be required to leave St. Benedict.
 - c. Pets must be under the control of a person who can physically restrain the animal at all times and on some sort of physical restraint such as a leash (length of no more than 10 feet) or tethered to the dedicated space. If tethered, the length must keep the animal within the dedicated space.
 - i. After three violations of this requirement, the pet owner will have their privilege of having a pet at St. Benedict revoked. If the owner does not remove the pet from St. Benedict, they will be asked to leave.
 - d. All pets must be provided with proper care including basic needs like access to food, water, and shade.
 - e. Complaints of aggressive behavior of pets will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If there is a bite, CSOs will take the animal.
 - f. Pet ownership is limited to 1 per person and no more than 2 pets per space if more than one person occupies a space.
 - g. The following pets are not allowed at St. Benedict:

- i. No reptiles such as snakes, lizards (including Iguana), turtles, and/or frogs;
 - ii. No rodents such as hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, ferrets, squirrels, rabbits, bats, minks, and/or raccoons;
 - iii. No insects such as spider, scorpions, ant farms, bees, and/or European roaches;
 - iv. No farm animals such as pigs, goats, chickens, roosters, and/or horses;
 - v. Absolutely no venomous or dangerous creatures of any kind such as tigers, lions, monkeys, and/or piranhas.
 - h. Campers may have friends who own pets visit and the following rules apply:
 - i. All rules that apply to the camper apply to the guest.
 - ii. It will be the camper's responsibility to see that the guest is made aware of the Pet Rules.
7. **Noise** - Quiet hours will be enforced between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily. Noise disturbance is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
8. **Criminal Activity** - Suspicion of criminal activities including the use and/or distribution of illegal drugs could lead to immediate trespass.
9. **City Property** - Any tampering or destruction of City property will result in immediate trespass. This includes portajohns, dumpsters, fencing, trees, water supply, poles, electrical outlets, etc.
10. **Structures** - St. Benedict allows only tents as living quarters. Construction of additional shelters, storage areas, or excessive accumulation of personal items is prohibited.
11. **Bullying** - Bullying behavior among campers is prohibited. Examples of bullying include forcing someone to change campsites, not allowing someone to use portajohns when needed, forcing someone to share resources, etc.
12. **Service Engagement** - In order to stay at St. Benedict, campers must actively engage with service providers. Continued refusal to actively engage with service providers could result in trespass.

13. **Time Limit** - Campers are limited to six-month stays at St. Benedict. At six months, a camper's efforts to actively engage with service providers and transition out of homelessness will be evaluated. If progress is happening, the stay may be extended by up to 6 months. Stays will not be allowed to extend beyond one year. After leaving St. Benedict, a camper cannot return until 6 months have passed.

14. **Trespass** - If a camper is trespassed, they cannot return to St. Benedict unless they receive written permission from the Chief of Police.

15. **General Violations** - All violators are subject to citation requiring a court appearance and/or removal from St. Benedict through the trespass process for violation of any Rule, Regulation, City Ordinance, or State Statutes.

Signature : _____

Date _____

Print Name: _____

Campsite # _____

For questions or concerns about the rules, call the Alamosa Police Department Support Services Division (719) 589-2548. Campsite address: 2400 Old Sanford Road

For emergencies call 911 or for non-emergency matters (719) 589-5807.

