

Ordinance No. _____

Introduced October 17th 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING
AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 533 ENTITLED GENERAL
OFFENSES CODE TO CREATE SECTION 533.18 ENTITLED PROHIBITED
CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING that Article 533 of the Codified Ordinances of the City is hereby amended and reenacted to include the creation of §533.18 entitled Prohibited Camping on Public Property as follows:

Section I. 533.18 Prohibited Camping on Public Property

- a) Definitions: “Camping” shall mean the setting up, remaining in, or at property for the purpose of sleeping, making preparations to sleep, storing personal property, and/or performing cooking activities for habitation purposes.
- b) Camping Prohibited: Except as may be permitted by the City Manager, no person shall engage in camping in or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, easement, park, nature preserve, conservation park, parking lots, public grounds, public right of way or under any bridge or viaduct.
- c) Permits: The City Manager may issue permits only to persons or entities who seek to engage in camping for historical, cultural, or educational purposes and shall be limited to time reasonably necessary to accomplish such purposes.
- d) Penalty: Any person who violates any provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)

Section II. All other sections and subsections of Article 533 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III. This ordinance takes effect on January 1st, 2024.