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**ORDINANCE G-XXXX**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE II,  
SECTION 30, CAMPING, OF THE PHOENIX CITY CODE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as  
follows:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 23, Article II, Section 30 is amended as follows:

**Sec. 23-30. Camping.**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp in OR ON any park or preserve, or in OR ON any building, facility, or parking lot or structure, or on any property adjacent thereto, that is owned, possessed, and OR controlled by the City, except as permitted in paragraph CD below.

B. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO CAMP WITHIN 500 FEET OF ANY PROPERTY BOUNDARY OF A SCHOOL, CHILD CARE FACILITY, SHELTER, OR CITY PARK PROVIDED REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE CAMPING PROHIBITION IS POSTED.

BC. For the purposes of this section:

1. the term "camp" means to use real property of IN the City for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep, including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping, or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or

other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area for living accommodation purposes regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

2. "CHILD CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 36-881(3).
3. "SCHOOL" MEANS A PLACE OF GENERAL INSTRUCTION INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, CHARTER SCHOOLS OPERATING UNDER A VALID CONTRACT ISSUED BY THE STATE OR A STATE SPONSORED ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OFFERING A CURRICULUM OF GENERAL INSTRUCTION COMPARABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
4. "SHELTER" MEANS A FACILITY OR OUTDOOR SPACE, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE FREE OR LOW-COST TEMPORARY OR TRANSITIONAL LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS OR CAMPING TO HOMELESS PERSONS.

CD. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department may, in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Department's established procedures, issue special use permits or reservations to authorize youth organizations to camp or park vehicles overnight in a park or preserve. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit camping or overnight parking sponsored by the City of Phoenix.

#### E. PENALTY:

1. A PERSON CONVICTED OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 3 MISDEMEANOR. FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, NOTWITHSTANDING ARS §13-802, ANY FINE IMPOSED MUST NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

2. CONSISTENT WITH ARS §13-717, IN ADDITION TO OR IN LIEU OF ANY SENTENCE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY SENTENCE A PERSON TO PERFORM COMMUNITY RESTITUTION OR ORDER A TERM OF EDUCATION OR TREATMENT.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective on September 1, 2024.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Phoenix this 29th day of May, 2024.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Denise Archibald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Julie M. Kriegh, City Attorney

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Jeffrey J. Barton, City Manager

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