

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 – _____

**PROHIBITING CAMPING AND STRUCTURES ON
COUNTY PROPERTY WITHOUT A PERMIT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §7-5-2101 MCA and §7-8-2201 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction and power to preserve, take care of, manage and control County property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §7-5-2102 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction and power to make and enforce such rules for its government, the preservation of order and the transaction of business as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, Missoula County property lacks the necessary infrastructure and capacity to support camping; and

WHEREAS, camping on Missoula County property may cause public health and safety hazards for the public and County staff, resulting in the expenditure of public funds to mitigate; and

WHEREAS, camping on County property may result in violations of state law, the Missoula Municipal Code and the Missoula City-County Health Code; and

WHEREAS, the erection and maintenance of structures on certain County property may cause damage to County property or create a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, unattended personal property on Missoula County property may cause safety hazards for the public and County staff, cause damage to County property or create a public nuisance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under this resolution, camping is defined as sleeping overnight, with or without temporary shelters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that camping is prohibited on Missoula County property and shall be considered a criminal trespass, unless the Board of County Commissioners has issued a permit for the proposed activity and site in advance. Camping may be allowed, subject to a permit, when the proposed site is furnished by the applicant with adequate sanitary facilities, including toilets, water supply and waste disposal, for the duration of the event, and other conditions as may be appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the placement, erection, modification or removal of structures, temporary or permanent, is prohibited on any County property unless the Board of County Commissioners has issued a permit for the proposed activity in advance. "Structures" includes, but is not limited to, tents, yurts, canopies, awnings, trailers or recreational vehicles. Unpermitted structures may be removed from County property by the Missoula County Facilities Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, unattended personal property on Missoula County property maybe removed from County property by the Missoula County Facilities Manager.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MISSOULA COUNTY, MONTANA

Bill Carey, Chair

ATTEST

Michele Landquist, Commissioner

Vickie Zeier, Clerk & Recorder

Jean Curtiss, Commissioner