



NUISANCE TO THE PUBLIC

INTENT:

The purpose for this ordinance is to ensure the safety and well-being of the community, it's citizens and the general public. There is great concern that individuals or groups of individuals conducting the prohibited activities may endanger themselves and/or others. These prohibited activities also create a nuisance to the surrounding businesses and residents. The Town of Ramseur seeks to ensure harmony within the community and has restricted certain activities therein. This ordinance is not intended to violate any constitutionally protected activities under the First Amendment.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

- A. Homeless Encampments – It is prohibited for a single or multiple homeless persons to set up a campsite, encampment or the like on public and/or private property within the town limits or within any future extra territorial jurisdiction. These campsites promote litter, rodents, insects, open storage and minimum housing violations. There is also great concern over sanitation and noxious odors. Any homeless campsites will immediately be in violation and are prohibited. Any private property owners that permit these campsites will also be in violation of this ordinance.
- B. Panhandling – It is prohibited to panhandle within the town limits or within any future extra territorial jurisdiction. These activities distract drivers and may lead to traffic crashes. The individuals conducting these activities are also at risk of injury from a passing vehicle. For the purposes of this ordinance, panhandling will consist of, but not limited to the following acts:
 - a. Standing in the right of way whether holding a sign or not, with the intent for assistance from a passerby (work, money, food, etc.).
 - b. Standing in the right of way whether holding a sign or not, with the intent to distract passerby's and/or disrupt the normal flow of traffic.



- C. Door to Door Soliciting – It is prohibited to solicit any commercial or residential property within the town limits or with any future extra territorial jurisdiction. No permits can be issued to allow such activities.
- D. Loitering – It is prohibited to loiter within the town limits or any future extra territorial jurisdiction. The town reserves the right to make the determination if loitering is taking place.

ENFORCEMENT:

Violations of this ordinance may be enforced by town staff, local law enforcement and/or any contracted staff tasked with zoning and code enforcement.

PENALTY:

The individual in violation of this ordinance will be subject to a \$100 fine for the first offense, \$200 fine for the second offense, and a \$500 fine for any subsequent offense thereafter. Any property owner or owners that allow these activities to take place on their property, whether known or unknown, will also be subject to the above penalties. Additionally, the town reserves the right to take further action, whether civil or criminal.

FINAL DETERMINATION:

The town reserves the right to make the final determination on whether a specific activity is a violation or not.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THE 19 DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

AYE: 4
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0



TOWN SEAL

Carol C. Owers

CLERKS CERTIFICATION