

## Park County Camping Regulation Changes

Prior to May of 2016 property owners were allowed to camp on vacant lots for up to 6 months of one calendar year: 'A camping unit may be occupied for camping purposes for a period not to exceed a combined total of six months in any given calendar year.'

Per Resolution No. 2016-20 regarding **vacant** Residential (MR, R, R-20, R-35) and Mining (M) Parcels:

- Property owners can camp for up to fourteen (14) **cumulative** days in a calendar year **without** a permit
- After those 14 days, property owners may be granted a **no fee** permit to camp for up to thirty (30) **consecutive** days in a calendar year.
- One (1) renewal of 30 consecutive days may be granted.
- One additional 30-day permit renewal (two renewals total allowing 90 days of permitted camping) may be granted if a permitted septic system including a leach field is used for sanitation.
- A camping unit may only remain on the property when there is an active camping permit.
- A maximum of 2 camping units are allowed per lot.
- Property owners with adjacent parcels cannot relocate to circumvent time limitations.
- Trash is managed onsite and shall be removed during and upon completion of camping. **Bear resistant containers are highly recommended.**

### ***What will I need to do to get a camping permit?***

- Property owner must have a permitted driveway and an address posting. Driveway permits are \$150 and are processed through the Environmental Health Department.
- Applications must be submitted at least fourteen (14) days before camping (Applications can be snail mailed or emailed to the Planning Department).
- Provide a completed camping permit application form including a recorded warranty deed, sanitation plan narrative, license and registration of camping unit if applicable, and a site plan showing where the camp site will be located on the property.
  - *Why is a site plan important?* The new camping regulations require camping activities to comply with all structure setbacks for the zone district. Generally, in residential zone districts structure to property line setbacks are 30 feet from the front and side property lines and 20 feet from the rear. There is also a 50-foot structure to wetland/watercourse setback.
  - *What should my sanitation plan narrative say?* Simply, how are you containing your waste? Does your camping unit have a self-contained system? Are you utilizing a dump station? If so, which one? If you do not have a self-contained unit what other methods are you using?