

**TOWN OF BIG BEND,  
RUSK COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
MORATORIUM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NEW CAMPGROUNDS AND *Existing*  
ORDINANCE NO. 002 - 2017**

**SECTION 1—TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to impose a moratorium on the development of new private campgrounds within the town pending the study of possible negative effects on public health, safety, and welfare.

*And expansion of existing*  
The moratorium is intended to allow the Town of Big Bend adequate time to study the possible impacts of new private (whether for profit or non-profit) campgrounds within the Town. These concerns include but are not limited to impacts on sanitation, traffic, public safety, property values, and the infrastructure of the Town.

Additionally, this moratorium is intended to allow the Town sufficient time to consider developing and enacting regulatory ordinances, including but not limited to licensing ordinances, so as to reasonably regulate campgrounds.

**SECTION 2—MORATORIUM IMPOSED**

The Town, by this Ordinance, prohibits all new private campgrounds within the Town.

- “New private campground” means any campground not actively operating at the time of the enactment of this Ordinance.
- For purposes of this Moratorium, the term “campground” shall be liberally construed to include all forms of what is commonly known as “camping” and shall include all new private campgrounds regardless of the form of ownership of the facility.
- This Ordinance shall be liberally construed to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

**SECTION 3—DURATION OF MORATORIUM**

This Moratorium shall be in effect from the date of publication of this Ordinance until January 31, 2018. The Town Board of Trustees may extend this time period if it finds it necessary to complete its study.

**SECTION 4—ACTION AND STUDY DURING MORATORIUM**

The Town Board of Trustees or its designee shall study and analyze the impact of new campgrounds within the Town and propose any regulation necessary to protect health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

**SECTION 5—SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

**SECTION 6—EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Ordinance is effective on date of publication.

Adopted by the Town Board on 8-2, 2017.

TOWN OF BIG BEND

By: *Thomas Meisner*  
Thomas Meisner, Town Chair

Attest: *Sandy Rassbach*  
Sandy Rassbach, Town Clerk

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