

**R392. Health, Disease Control and Prevention, Environmental Services.**

**R392-301. Recreational Vehicle Park Sanitation.**

**R392-301-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 26-1-5, 26-1-30(9), 26-1-30(23), 26-7-1, and 26-15-2.

(2) This rule establishes minimum standards for the sanitation, operation, and maintenance of a recreational vehicle park, as defined by this rule, and provides for the prevention and control of health hazards associated with a recreational vehicle park that are likely to affect individuals dwelling temporarily therein including risk factors contributing to injury, sickness, death, and disability.

**R392-301-2. Applicability.**

This rule applies to any person who owns or operates a recreational vehicle park, unless specifically exempted by this rule. This rule applies to the repair, maintenance, use, operation, and occupancy of recreational vehicle parks designed, intended for use, or otherwise used for temporary human habitation.

**R392-301-3. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this rule, the following terms, phrases, and words shall have the meanings herein expressed:

(1) "Building Code" means International Building Code as incorporated and amended in Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act.

(2) "Dependent recreational vehicle" means a recreational vehicle that is dependent upon a service building for toilet facilities, hand washing facilities, or shower or bathing facilities, and is not designed for connection to water, sewer, or electrical utilities.

(3) "Imminent health hazard" means a significant threat or danger to health that is considered to exist when there is evidence sufficient to show that a product, practice, circumstance, or event creates a situation that can cause infection, disease transmission, vermin infestation, or hazardous condition that requires immediate correction or cessation of operation to prevent injury, illness, or death.

(4) "Independent recreational vehicle" means a recreational vehicle equipped with electrical appliances, a water-flush toilet, and a sink and bath or shower which, to be functional, may require connection to outside electrical, water, and sewer utilities.

(5) "Local health officer" means the health officer of the local health department having jurisdiction, or a designated representative.

(6) "Operator" means a person responsible for managing or operating a recreational vehicle park.

(7) "Plumbing Code" means International Plumbing Code as incorporated and amended in Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act.

(8) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular unit, other than a mobile home or tiny house, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation use, which is either driven or is mounted on or pulled by another vehicle, including: travel trailer, camp trailer, fifth-wheel trailer, folding tent trailer, truck camper, or motorhome.

(9) "Recreational vehicle park" or "RV park" means any site, tract or parcel of land on which facilities have been developed to provide temporary living quarters for two or more recreational vehicles. Such a park may be developed or owned by a private, public or non-profit organization catering to the public or restricted to the organizational or institutional members and their guests only.

(10) "Sanitary dump station" means a facility designed:

(a) in accordance with requirements set by Plumbing Code and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality;

(b) to receive the discharge of wastewater from any holding tank or similar device installed in any recreational vehicle; and

(c) to discharge the contents, in an acceptable manner, to an approved wastewater disposal or treatment system.

(11) "Service building" means a structure within a recreational vehicle park that contains toilet, hand sink, and bathing facilities. It may also include laundry facilities, a vending area, or other service type facilities for RV park occupant use.

(12) "Tiny house", for the purposes of this rule, means a dwelling that is 400 square feet or less in floor area, constructed on a chassis with wheels. A tiny house is not a park model recreational vehicle as defined in 41-1a-101 or any other recreational vehicle type as defined in this rule.

(13) "Wastewater" means discharges from all plumbing facilities including rest rooms, kitchen, and laundry fixtures either separately or in combination.

#### **R392-301-4. General.**

(1)(a) This rule does not require a construction change in any portion of a RV park if the park was in compliance with the law in effect at the time the park was constructed, except as in Subsection R392-301-4(1)(b).

(b) The local health officer may require construction changes if it is determined the RV park or portion thereof

contains an imminent health hazard.

(2) The operator shall carry out the provisions of this rule.

(3) Severability - If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, and the remainder of this rule, shall not be affected thereby.

(4) The operator shall comply with all applicable building, zoning, electrical, health, fire codes and all local ordinances.

(5) The operator shall provide the local health officer with contact information for a park representative who can be available to communicate with the local health officer during all days and times that the RV park is occupied in the event of an imminent health hazard or emergency.

(6) A recreational vehicle park operator or agent shall select or construct a location for the facility that will provide adequate surface drainage. The operator shall make a reasonable effort to locate the facility away from any known existing public health nuisance.

(7) When an operator accommodates dependent recreational vehicles or tents, the operator shall construct and maintain a service building according to the requirements of Section R392-301-7.

(8) A recreational vehicle or a tiny house may be allowed in a RV Park only when:

(a) a data plate or permanent label is attached to the structure that includes:

(i) name of the manufacturer;

(ii) serial number or vehicle identification number (VIN) of the unit;

(iii) date of manufacture; and

(iv) a statement that the unit is designed and manufactured to NFPA 1192 or ANSI A119.5 standards; and when

(b) it has been certified by the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association; or

(c) it has been inspected by a qualified third-party inspection company and certified to be in compliance with the standards in NFPA 1192 or ANSI A119.5.

(9) An electrical installation in a RV park shall comply with Utah Code Title 15A.

#### **R392-301-5. Water Supply.**

(1) Potable water supply systems for use by recreational vehicle park occupants shall be designed, installed, and operated according to the requirements set forth by:

(a) Plumbing Code;

(b) The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division

of Drinking Water under Title R309; and

(c) Local health department regulations.

(2) The operator shall provide potable water to each site designed and intended for recreational vehicle use.

(a) This provision may be modified with approval by the local health officer if a service building is provided as in Subsection R392-301-4(7).

(b) Where individual water connections are not provided to sites, common-use water faucets shall be accessible to RV park occupants, and located not more than 300 feet from any site. A threaded spigot is prohibited on any such common-use water faucet providing potable water to a site.

(c) The operator shall design and construct the area immediately around a common-use water faucet (i.e. spigot) to promote surface drainage by using a constructed drain system such as a gravel pit, subsurface drywell, French drain, or seepage trench. The operator shall prevent water in this area from flowing into traffic areas and surface waters, or from pooling, standing, or becoming stagnant. This requirement does not apply to water connections in individual sites.

(d) The operator shall protect water systems against the hazards of cross-connection, backflow, and interior surface contamination of attached hoses.

(3) In any recreational vehicle park or portion thereof where it is not feasible to pipe potable water into the area, an alternate supply of potable water may be permitted upon approval of the local health officer.

#### **R392-301-6. Wastewater.**

(1) All wastewater shall be discharged to a public sanitary sewer system whenever practicable.

(a) Sewer systems for use by recreational vehicle park occupants shall be designed, installed, and operated according to the requirements set forth by:

(i) Plumbing Code;

(ii) The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality under Title R317;

(iii) local health department regulations; and

(iv) the local sewer district having jurisdiction.

(b) Where connection to a public sewer is not available, wastewater shall be discharged into an approved wastewater disposal system meeting the requirements of Title R317, Environmental Quality, Water Quality, and local health department regulations.

(c) The operator shall submit all required plans for the construction or alteration of a wastewater disposal system in accordance with Title R317 prior to commencing construction or

alteration.

(2) The operator shall provide a sanitary dump station unless all sites are connected to an approved sewer system. Unless a local health officer approves other means, the operator shall design and construct the sanitary dump station to include the following:

(a) Easy ingress and egress from a service road for recreational vehicles and located not less than 50 feet from any site;

(b) The sewage inlet surrounded by a curbed concrete apron or trough of at least three feet by three feet, sloped to the inlet, and provided with a suitable hinged cover milled to fit tight;

(c) A means for flushing with pressurized water the immediate area and the recreational vehicle wastewater holding tank(s).

(3) If the operator makes sewer service available to each designated site designed and intended to accommodate independent recreational vehicles, the operator shall design, install, operate, and maintain individual connections to the sewer system according to the requirements set by:

(a) Plumbing Code;

(b) the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality;

(c) local health department regulations; and

(d) local sewer district having jurisdiction.

(4) When the operator makes sewer service available to an individual site, that sewer connection is not subject to the requirements of Subsection R392-301-6(2).

(5) The operator shall provide tight-fitting covers for all sewer risers.

(6) A trap is prohibited between the sewer riser and sewer lateral.

(7) The connection and connecting line between the recreational vehicle drain outlet and the sewer riser shall be watertight and self-draining.

(8) The rim of the sewer riser shall extend not more than 4 inches above adjacent ground surface elevations. Surface drainage shall be directed away from the sewer riser.

(9) The operator shall prohibit dependent recreational vehicles and tents in a recreational vehicle park unless effective means are provided to collect and contain dishwashing, bathing or other liquid waste material and to properly dispose of these wastes by means approved by the local health officer.

(10) If the operator provides laundering facilities, the equipment shall discharge wastewater as required in Subsection R392-301-6(1).

**R392-301-7. Service Building.**

(1) All structures used in a recreational vehicle park shall be of permanent construction, meeting the requirements of Building Code.

(2) Each recreational vehicle park in which sites are set aside for dependent recreational vehicles or tents, as in R392-301-4(7), shall be provided with a service building or buildings for the use of park occupants.

(3) Service buildings shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection R392-301-7(3)(b)(i), separate toilet rooms within the service building shall be provided for each sex. These rooms shall be distinctly marked "for men" and "for women" by signs printed in English, or marked with easily understood pictures or symbols.

(b) Each service building shall have one toilet, one hand sink, and one bath fixture for each sex for each 15 sites set aside in Subsection R392-301-4(7), or fraction thereof.

(i) Where a toilet room will be occupied by no more than one person at a time, can be locked from the inside, and contains at least one toilet, separate toilet rooms for each sex need not be provided.

(c) A service building shall be located not less than 15 feet and not more than 500 feet from any site designated for dependent recreational vehicles.

(d) A service building shall be provided with adequate light, heat and ventilation.

(e) A service building shall be properly maintained clean and shall be constructed of smooth, moisture resistant finish materials to withstand frequent washing and cleaning.

(4) The operator shall maintain each service building in a clean and sanitary condition.

(5) Clean individual disposable towels shall be provided near handwashing sinks. Alternate hand drying methods approved by the local health officer may be substituted for individual disposable towels.

(6) The operator shall provide soap and waste receptacles with lids in each service building.

(7) For each toilet room within a service building, the operator shall provide:

(a) toilet tissue in suitable dispensers; and

(b) at least one solid, easily cleanable, covered waste receptacle for the collection of solid waste; or

(c) at least one solid, easily cleanable, uncovered waste receptacle and a sanitary napkin receptacle.

**R392-301-8. Operation and Maintenance.**

(1) The operator shall maintain all buildings, rooms, and equipment, including furnishings and equipment in RV park areas, and the grounds surrounding them in a clean and operable condition, free of litter and debris.

(2) Where electric power is available, service buildings shall be equipped with outside lighting to indicate the location and entrance doorways of each.

(3) Where necessary, all reasonable means shall be employed to eliminate or control infestations of vermin, vectors, or pests within all parts of a RV park. This shall include approved screening or other approved control of outside openings in structures intended for occupancy.

(4) The operator shall maintain interior roads and parking areas in a manner that prevents harborage for vermin.

**R392-301-9. Food Service.**

When food service is provided for RV park occupants, food service, storage, and preparation shall comply with the FDA Model Food Code as incorporated and amended in Rule R392-100 and local health department regulations.

**R392-301-10. Solid Wastes.**

(1) The operator shall provide adequate containers to prevent the accumulation of solid waste in the RV park.

(2) Solid waste generated at a RV park or picnic area shall be stored in a leak-proof, non-absorbent container, which shall be kept covered with a tight-fitting lid.

(3) All solid wastes shall be disposed with sufficient frequency and in such a manner as to prevent insect breeding, rodent harborage, or a public health nuisance.

**R392-301-11. Swimming Pools.**

The operator shall comply with Rule R392-302, Design, Construction, and Operation of Public Pools as well as other local health department regulations for all pools or spas made available to RV park occupants or staff.

**R392-301-12. Inspections and Investigations.**

(1)(a) Upon presenting proper identification, the operator shall permit the local health officer to enter upon the premises of a recreational vehicle park to perform inspections, investigations, reviews, and other actions as necessary to ensure compliance with Rule R392-301.

(b) The local health officer may not enter an occupied recreational vehicle without the express permission of the occupant except when a warrant is issued to a duly authorized public safety officer which authorizes the local health officer to

enter, or when the operator and the local health officer determine that there exists an imminent risk to the life, health, or safety of the occupant.

**R392-301-13. Closing or Restricting Use of Recreational Vehicle Parks or Sites.**

(1) If a local health officer deems a recreational vehicle park, site, space, or portion thereof to be an imminent health hazard, the park, site, or space may be closed or its use may be restricted, as determined by the local health officer.

(2) The operator shall restrict public access to the impacted area of any recreational vehicle park, site, or space closed or restricted to use by a local health officer within a reasonable time as ordered by the local health officer.

(3) It shall be unlawful for an operator to allow the public to utilize any recreational vehicle park, unit, space, or portion thereof that has been deemed unfit for use until written approval of the local health officer is given.

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