



# In-Town Camping Survey

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## SILVERTHORNE

1. Does your town prohibit in-town camping completely? We do not have a camping ordinance currently, it has been discussed but due to litigation or threatened litigation in the Denver area we have taken a wait and see attitude.
2. Does your town allow in-town camping? No, but we do have areas in Town where you can park legally on the street for several hours each day, but after hours these areas become no parking zones, and generally overnight parking is prohibited. Most large lots in Town are privately owned, and overnight parking is prohibited as part of their site-plans. All Town parks operate from dawn to dusk, and are closed after hours.
3. If your town permits overnight camping are there parameters in place? N/A
4. If your town has high recreational vehicle travel do you designate a specific area for overnight parking/camping? No we do not, we have numerous campgrounds in the vicinity and we are surrounded by National Forest. Therefore, at this time, we currently feel we have no obligation or responsibility to provide recreational vehicle parking. This may change over time, and in our Town this would be a policy discussion with Town Council.
5. If camping is not allowed within town limits what are the penalties in place? How do police officers handle these situations? As stated, these are typically parking violations, and we will usually contact the occupants and have them move. In some cases we issue written warnings, and of course the occasional ticket.

## WINTER PARK

1. Does your town prohibit in-town camping completely? No
2. Does your town allow in-town camping? Our Town has a significant amount of property that lies within the National Forest, as well as one designated USFS campground. Camping is allowed in those places, however the USFS prohibits camping in one location for more than 14 days.
3. If your town permits overnight camping are there parameters in place? No; however under our "Unlawful Conduct on Public Property" Ordinance, the Town Manager has the authority to prohibit camping in specific locations (i.e. town parks, other public open space).

4. If your town has high recreational vehicle travel do you designate a specific area for overnight parking/camping? No. [Town Code §7-3-5](#) states “No recreational vehicle, camper or trailer shall be used as living or sleeping quarters in any public right of way or publicly owned parking area within the town limits”.

5. If camping is not allowed within town limits what are the penalties in place? How do police officers handle these situations? N/A

## ESTES PARK

1. Does your town prohibit in-town camping completely? We only allow it in commercial campgrounds that are permitted as such.

2. Does your town allow in-town camping? See above (We do allow back yard camping, such as the kids in a tent for a sleep over, etc.)

3. If your town permits overnight camping are there parameters in place? NA

4. If your town has high recreational vehicle travel do you designate a specific area for overnight parking/camping? Yes, we have several RV campgrounds in Town and just outside of Town limits. The Town operates an RV campground but only for those using our Events Complex.

5. If camping is not allowed within town limits what are the penalties in place? How do police officers handle these situations? If someone is sleeping in their car, we ask them to move on to a different location. If they continue, we would issue them a summons to appear in court.

## Mt. CRESTED BUTTE

1. No.
2. Yes, we have a public camp ground open only in the summer with 26 tent sites, no dogs. There is potable water and a port-a-potty. We do not allow camping in any other in Town location. We are adjacent to the National Forest where camping is allowed.
3. We have a 14 day limit. No Dogs.
4. We do not have any locations for recreational vehicles (there is a need however).
5. If someone is camping in any place other than our campground, the police politely have them move.

## KETCHUM

Does not allow in-town camping

## SALIDA

The City of Salida doesn't allow overnight camping within the city limits outside of private, commercial RV parks. Enforcement is done through our police department/code enforcement office. We are challenged more by homelessness and the impacts of "urban travelers" more than urban camping.

## SOUTH FORK

The Town has not had any issues with unauthorized camping to the town manager's knowledge.

1. yes, the Town maintains a no tolerant policy. However, there are several public camp grounds available within a few miles in nearby national forest.
2. No in Town camping allowed.
3. n/a
4. R/V s are able to stay at R/V parks only. There are many R/V parks.
5. Someone setting up camp within Town limits - whether sleeping on the ground, bench, tent, or in a RV, would be required to immediately pack up and leave by the attending police officer.

## BRECKENRIDGE

1. Does your town prohibit in-town camping completely? Yes, no camping is allowed in the Town
2. Does your town allow in-town camping? No
3. If your town permits overnight camping are there parameters in place? NA
4. If your town has high recreational vehicle travel do you designate a specific area for overnight parking/camping? We do have a number of RV's/Campers that are passing through or staying at a physical location in Town and need a place to temporarily store/park their RV. We have a parking lot at the edge of Town where you can purchase an overnight permit to leave your camper there for up to two weeks but you are not allowed to camp in it. There are some people who try to abuse this and we will have our Police contact them to move them out. Rarely do we issue a ticket unless someone refuses to comply, we try to not to be too hard and will not knock on camper doors in the middle of the night but instead have a daytime officer follow up if we think someone is living in the camper. We continue to see people who are trying to live in their car or van, we have a few people who work at the resort on weekends and drive up from Denver and try to live in their car. We seem to chase them from one parking lot to another. We have a local group who are trying to push for a "safe" parking area in the County designated for people living in cars with porta pottys, etc. We do not like this idea.

## JACKSON

1. Does your town prohibit in-town camping completely? Yes, no camping is allowed in the Town
2. Does your town allow in-town camping? No
3. If your town permits overnight camping are there parameters in place? NA
4. If your town has high recreational vehicle travel do you designate a specific area for overnight parking/camping? RVs can park on designated town streets for up to 72 hours.