

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER



Use or Occupancy of County Property and Utilities Rules

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Revised Date:

Purpose

The El Paso County Commissioners Court adopts these Rules governing the use or occupancy of County property after normal business hours and the use of utilities on any County owned property. These Rules are necessary to protect the public health and safety and to ensure County public funds are used and expended only for County public purposes as required by law.

I. Definitions:

Recreational vehicle. A vehicle, with or without motor power, capable of human habitation or camping purposes, or used for sporting, recreational, or social activities. This includes automobiles, trailers, motor coaches, motor homes, fifth-wheels, campers, camper shells, and camper trailers.

Squat or Squatting: The action of occupying a building or parcel of land owned by El Paso County without specific authorization by El Paso County.

"Regular Business Hours" – The time period commencing from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each County business day. Regular Business Hours do not include weekends or County holidays.

II. Rules and Regulations:

Use of County Property

County owned property is reserved for the use, parking, or occupancy, exclusively by persons conducting County business in a County owned facility during County regular business hours, attending a County sponsored function, or engaging in similar public functions as specifically authorized by El Paso County. No person may remain after regular business hours on any County owned property unless specifically authorized by El Paso County. Squatting or the use of tents or recreational vehicles after regular business hours on El Paso County property without written authorization by El Paso County is strictly prohibited. The use of utilities for which the County is financially

responsible for purposes other than official County business without written County authorization is prohibited at any time.

III. Enforcement

Any person violating this policy will be required to leave immediately upon direction by an El Paso County representative. Refusal to leave the property immediately may result in the towing or removal of any vehicles or camping equipment at the owner's expense and arrest and prosecution for the offense of Criminal Trespass. Any use of County utility services at any time without County authorization also may result in arrest and prosecution for the offense of Theft.