



Policy Chapter: Chapter 7 Student Affairs

Policy Number and Title: 07.029 Prohibition of Camping on University Property

I. Policy Statement

The University of North Texas (UNT) has an interest in controlling and maintaining its property to safeguard the health and safety of individuals and to ensure that its property is utilized for its designed purposes in support of its educational and business missions. By this policy, UNT prohibits the use of its property for purposes unrelated to its regular programs and activities.

II. Application of Policy

All UNT students, employees, organizations, and guests

III. Policy Definitions

A. Camping

“Camping,” in this policy, is defined as any of the following:

- a. sleeping outdoors, any time between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., with or without camp paraphernalia;
- b. establishing or maintaining outdoors, anytime between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., a temporary or permanent place for sleeping or cooking by setting up any camp paraphernalia;
- c. establishing, or attempting to establish, temporary or permanent living quarters on UNT property other than residence halls, apartments, or other UNT housing; and
- d. sleeping in or under any parked vehicle.

B. Camp Paraphernalia

“Camp paraphernalia,” in this policy, includes, but is not limited to, tents, tarps, sleeping bags, beds and bedding, cots, mattresses, hammocks, cooking or warming equipment, or any temporary outdoor shelter.

C. University Property

“University property,” in this policy, includes all outdoor areas owned, leased, or controlled by UNT, and all buildings and permanent structures owned by UNT.

IV. Policy Responsibilities

A. General Prohibition

Camping is not permitted on university property, unless an exception below applies.

B. Exceptions

Camping may be permitted:

1. as a part of tailgating activities that are undertaken in accordance with [UNT rules regarding tailgating at sporting events](#);
2. in connection with approved UNT events which require overnight occupancy at the site of the activity, if approved in advance, by the Dean of Students Office when such use is consistent with UNT’s educational and/or business mission, and will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of event participants or the campus community; and
3. in extraordinary circumstances, such as times of natural disaster, when approved, in writing and in advance, by the President of the University or the President’s designee.

C. Procedures

The Dean of Students Office will develop and maintain procedures for approval of overnight occupancy for UNT events.

V. Resources/Forms/Tools

[UNT Rules for Tailgating at Sporting Events](#)

VI. References and Cross-References

[UNT System Board of Regents Rule 11.600, Use of Buildings, Facilities, Structures, and Outdoor Spaces](#)

VII. Revision History

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