

# Campsite – permit

## General information

To establish or extend a campsite, you need to obtain a permit from the competent authority (authorisation pursuant to Section 3(1) of the Campsite Law (*Campingplatzgesetz*, Provincial Law Gazette (*Landesgesetzblatt, LGBl.*) No 34/1981).

## Dates and deadlines

**Deadline for registration** The permit shall cease to be valid if the project has not been completed within 3 years of the date on which it enters into force. If an appeal is lodged with the Supreme Administrative Court or a complaint is lodged with the Constitutional Court against the permit, the time limit shall be suspended until a decision has been taken. In each case, the validity of the permit shall be extended by 3 years, upon written request, unless there are grounds for refusal under Section 4 of the Campsite Law.

## Requirements

- Campsites may only be built on areas designated as special areas for this purpose in the land-use plan (*Flächenwidmungsplan*).
- Campsites must be located in such a way that the lives and health of the users and their property are not endangered, that the users are not disturbed to an unacceptable extent by anything in the nearby environment such as noise, dust, smoke or odours. Their operation, including entry and exit traffic, must not endanger the lives, health and property of any neighbours, and the neighbours must not be disturbed to an unreasonable extent. They must not seriously harm the interests of nature conservation and landscape development.
- An adequate water supply, the proper disposal of waste and wastewater and a connection to a public thoroughfare must be ensured. The provisions of paragraph 2(a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the connection to the public thoroughfare. The connection and public thoroughfares must correspond to the size of the intended campsite operation.
- Campsites shall be designed in such a way as to meet the requirements for safety, nature conservation and landscape development, as well as the protection of landscape and local features, and to avoid mutual nuisance among users.
- Campsites must have the installations and facilities necessary for the safety, health and hygiene of users.

The permit shall be granted if:

1. the project complies with Section 2 of the Campsite Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, in terms of location, design and installation; and
2. other public interests, in particular those relating to spatial planning, tourism, agriculture and the protection of monuments are not opposed to the project.

The permit may, under certain conditions, be granted subject to terms or a time limit, if they are necessary for meeting the requirements laid down in paragraph 1. In particular, it may be specified, where necessary, that the campsite may be operated only during certain periods, that no or only certain parking places may be installed as permanent places, or that the planned installation or erection of mobile homes and bungalows is not permitted or is permitted only in certain places.

## **Competent body**

District authority

## **Procedure and outcome**

The application for a permit must be submitted to the competent authority. The authority may hold an oral hearing (with an on-site inspection). During the hearing, all persons and authorities involved shall be given the opportunity to assert their rights and interests. A decision shall be taken on the building permit application.

## **Documents required**

The permit application must be submitted in writing. The application must state the nature, location and scope of the campsite. The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

- proof of ownership or, if the applicant is not the owner, the owner's consent;
- a list of the owners of land and homes located within a radius of 50 metres around the campsite (the neighbours);
- the plans and descriptions needed to assess the project, drawn up in triplicate, whereby the authority may, where necessary, dispense with the submission of copies or request additional copies for the purposes of expert evaluation or the involvement of public authorities.

## **Costs and payments**

- Administrative charges under the Provincial Administrative Charges Regulation (*Landesverwaltungsabgabenverordnung*), *LGBl.* No 78/2014, as amended (tariff item 27);
- Fees pursuant to Section 14 tariff items 5, 6 and 7 of the Fees Law (*Gebührengesetz*), Federal Law Gazette (*Bundesgesetzblatt, BGBl.*) No 267/1957, as amended).
- If an oral hearing is held: commission fees on the basis of the Provincial Commission Fees Regulation (*Landeskommissionsgebührenverordnung*), *LGBl.* No 12/2005, as amended.

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## Legal basis

Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Campsite Law, *LGBl.* No 34/1981, as amended.

## Authentication and signature

Authentication/signature is required.

## Appeals

Any decision may be appealed against. An appeal must be submitted in writing, within 4 weeks, to the authority that issued the decision. The time limit begins on the date of the delivery of the written application or, in the case of an oral announcement, on the date of the latter.

The appeal must also indicate the decision against which it is directed and the relevant authority, the reasons on which the assertion of unlawfulness is based, the form of order sought, and the information required in order to assess whether the appeal has been filed within the specified deadline. An appeal is no longer admissible if, after the issuance or announcement of the decision, the party expressly waives the appeal.

Moreover, all decisions must contain instructions on the right of appeal, including information on the authority with which the appeal must be filed and the corresponding deadline.

## Assistance and problem-solving services

Single point of contact for Vorarlberg

## Body responsible for the content

Department of land use planning and construction law [Abteilung Raumplanung und Baurecht]

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## Data protection information

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## Further information

The Campsite Regulation (*Campingplatzverordnung*), *LGBl.* No 23/1982, as amended, lays down more detailed provisions on the design, installations and facilities of campsites.

## Feedback forms

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