

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to municipal water and sewer systems;
8 defining terms; requiring municipality to investigate
9 certain report within specified time period;
10 requiring written notice for certain noncompliance;
11 requiring removal of certain structures or property
12 under certain circumstances; authorizing claim for
removed property within certain time period;
13 establishing municipal liability for damage resulting
14 from certain failure to investigate; requiring
15 certain damage award; providing for codification; and
16 providing an effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 37-129 of Title 11, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. As used in this section, "unauthorized camp" means any tent,
22 shelter, or bedding constructed or arranged for the purpose of, or
23 in such a way to permit, overnight use on a property not designated
24 as a campsite without the permission of the property holder.

25 B. A municipality shall have fourteen (14) days following a
report of an unauthorized camp to the political subdivision to

1 conduct an inspection of such camp within a municipal district that
2 has water run-off entering a municipal sewer system, drainage
3 system, or drinking water reservoir. The inspection shall determine
4 whether the unauthorized camp is up to building codes established by
5 the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. If the inspected
6 unauthorized camp is determined to be out of compliance with
7 building codes, the inspector shall inform any inhabitants with
8 written notice that describes any code violations and provides any
9 other information deemed necessary by the inspector. If an
10 inspected unauthorized camp does not meet applicable building codes
11 fourteen (14) days after notice was provided, the municipality shall
12 remove any structure or accumulated property at the unauthorized
13 camp. Any removed property shall be available for claim by affected
14 persons for ten (10) days after removal. Any unclaimed property
15 shall be disposed of after ten (10) days have elapsed.

16 C. Any municipality that fails to inspect an unauthorized camp
17 within a municipal district that has water run-off entering a
18 municipal sewer system, drainage system, or drinking water reservoir
19 within the fourteen (14) days after the credible report of an
20 unauthorized camp, or that fails to remove an inspected unauthorized
21 camp determined to not be up to building codes established by the
22 Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission fourteen (14) days after
23 notice was provided, shall be liable for any waterborne
24 contamination or disease that results from the presence of an

1 unauthorized camp. Determination that a waterborne contamination or
2 disease originated from the presence of an unauthorized camp shall
3 be made by a court of law. Any person affected by any waterborne
4 contamination or disease determined to result from the presence of
5 an unauthorized camp shall be awarded up to Ten Thousand Dollars
6 (\$10,000.00) from the municipality.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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