



## Summary of Ordinance No. 870 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA ADDING CHAPTERS 17 AND 18 TO TITLE 5 OF THE COALINGA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNSAFE CAMPING AND PUBLIC HAZARDS IN THE CITY OF COALINGA

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 870, which was approved at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Coalinga on September 19, 2024.

The ordinance adds Chapters 17 and 18 to Title 5 of the Coalinga Municipal Code, regulating unsafe camping and public hazards. Key provisions include:

### 1. Chapter 17: Unsafe Camping

- **Sitting, Lying, or Sleeping:** Prohibited in public areas if it obstructs the flow of traffic or pedestrians.
- **Personal Property:** Storing or leaving personal property in public spaces beyond reasonable use is banned.
- **Distance Restrictions:** No camping or storing property near fire hydrants, utility meters, driveways, entrances, and areas designated as sensitive (schools, parks, etc.).
- **Public Water Use:** Prohibits using public water features for bathing.
- **Defecation and Urination:** Illegal in public spaces and punishable as a misdemeanor.
- **Camping:** No overnight camping or lodging on public property without permission. Vehicles used for human habitation and long-term parking of RVs are restricted.

### 2. Chapter 18: Public Hazards

- **Storage of Personal Property:** Limits the amount of personal property stored in public spaces. Excess property or abandoned property can be impounded or discarded.
- **Regulations and Impoundment:** Personal property in public areas must not obstruct city operations or violate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Personal items in violation can be removed and impounded.
- **Notice Requirements:** The city must provide pre-removal and post-removal notices before impounding property. Unclaimed property may be discarded after 60 days.

- **City Manager Authority:** The City Manager has the power to establish rules for implementing this ordinance.

Violations may be prosecuted as misdemeanors, and the ordinance seeks to balance public access and safety with the needs of unhoused individuals.

**Effective Date:** The ordinance will become effective October 18, 2024.

A full and complete copy of Ordinance No. 870 is available for public inspection during regular business hours at 155 W. Durian Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210, and on the official website of the City of Coalinga.

**Publication:** This summary is prepared in accordance with California Government Code § 36933. The full text of the ordinance will not be printed here, but a copy is available as noted above.

Certified by: Shannon Jensen, City Clerk, City of Coalinga

Dated: September 26, 2024