

Dear Council Members,

In light of the RV Dwellers on 116 and the lawsuit regarding the RV Parking Ordinance, were you aware that Cotati has a code that makes it illegal for humans to live in vehicles?

Perhaps Sebastopol should look into this code as alternative to the RV Parking Ordinance?

“Chapter 9.44 HUMAN HABITATION OF VEHICLES

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For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

A. “Camper” is defined by Section [243](#) of the California Vehicle Code as it exists as of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, or as it may be amended, and includes but is not limited to, a structure designed to be mounted upon a motor vehicle and to provide facilities for human habitation or camping purposes.

B. To “camp” or “camping” means sleeping, setting up housekeeping and/or cooking.

C. “Vehicle” is defined by Section [670](#) of the California Vehicle Code as it exists as of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, or as it may be amended, and includes but is not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, motor homes, trailer coaches and trailers. (Ord. 562 § 1(part), 1991).

9.44.020 Use of vehicles or campers for human habitation prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any vehicle or camper for human habitation, including but not limited to sleeping, eating, camping or resting, either singly or in groups, within the city, on public or private property, except in campgrounds, trailer parks or mobilehome parks maintained pursuant to valid and subsisting authority granted by the city. (Ord. 562 § 1(part), 1991).”

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