

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SANITATION AND SAFETY OF
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES**

**Adjunct Section Governing Self-Contained Recreational Vehicle Dry Camping
Facilities**

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SECTION 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Summary of Acronyms used in this Regulation

RV	Recreational Vehicle
SCRV	Self-Contained Recreational Vehicle

As used in these Regulations, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to them in this document:

1.19 “Dry camping” defined. Dry camping is the practice of camping or parking where there are no available hookups for water, sewage disposal, electricity, and other amenities at each individual parking space.

1.42 “Management Plan” defined. A Management Plan is a document written and used by an SCRV dry camping facility that provides information on how the facility intends to address pertinent issues such as:

- Source of potable water
- Location of the sanitary station
- Disposal of solid waste
- Facility signage location and language
- Availability of back up restrooms
- Parking lot and surrounding grounds maintenance

1.49 “Nonsewered toilet” defined. A nonsewered toilet is a toilet that is not connected to a sewage disposal system. The term includes, without limitation, a free standing portable toilet and a recreational vehicle and/or trailer equipped with waste holding tanks.

1.63 “Recreational park trailer” defined. A recreational park trailer is a vehicle which is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or seasonal use and which:

Is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels;

Has a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet in the set-up mode; and

Is certified by the manufacturer as complying with Standard No. A119.5 of the American National Standards Institute. (NRS 482.1005)

1.64 “Recreational vehicle (RV)” defined. A **recreational vehicle** is a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for travel, recreational or camping use, which may be self-propelled, mounted upon, or drawn by, a motor vehicle, occupied in any one place for 30 days or less. The term includes a recreational park trailer. (NRS 482.101)

1.70 “Sanitary station” defined. A **sanitary station** is a facility used for removing and disposing of wastes from RV and self-contained recreational vehicle (SCRV) waste retention tanks.

1.73 “Self-contained recreational vehicle (SCRV)” defined. A **self-contained recreational vehicle (SCRV)** is a recreational vehicle or trailer of any size designed to serve as self-contained living quarters, including potable water and waste disposal facilities, for recreational or seasonal travel.

1.75 “Service building” defined. A **service building** is a building provided to house sanitary facilities.

1.79 “Site map” defined. A **site map** is a pictorial description of the general layout, available services, and location and arrangement of the parking spots provided by the SCRV dry camping facility.

1.81 “Special Event” defined. A **special event** is any public gathering which is for a specific purpose, includes the service of food or a temporary food establishment, and is less than 14 days in duration. This does not include any private/”by invitation only” gathering or nonprofit/church gatherings held on nonprofit/church property.

Section 14

ADJUNCT PROVISIONS FOR SCR V DRY CAMPING AT PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

NOTE: As shown in Section 1, Definitions, definition 1.59:

“Public accommodation facility” defined. A public accommodation facility is a hotel/casino, resort, hotel, motel, hostel, bed and breakfast facility, or other facility offering rooms or areas to the public for monetary compensation or other financial consideration on an hourly, daily, or weekly basis.

This Section of these Regulations only applies to public accommodation facilities that wish to offer dry camping on their property.

14.1 Plans for construction, area designation, remodeling

All SCR V dry camping facilities in Clark County, Nevada which are constructed, reconstructed or extensively altered after July 27, 2006, must conform to the requirements outlined in these Regulations. Any public accommodation facility providing or intending to supply SCR V dry camping spaces must notify the Health Authority at least 30 days prior to doing so and must submit the information outlined in **Section 14.11** of these Regulations entitled, *The Management Plan*. **See Appendix S for an example.** Approval for construction of SCR V dry camping facilities must be obtained from all appropriate agencies of jurisdiction before commencing construction. **See Appendix P for a list of state, county, and local agencies of jurisdiction which may apply.**

14.2 Allowable vehicle type

14.2.1 Only SCR Vs registered with a public accommodation’s SCR V dry camping facilities are permitted to use those amenities. All other types of RVs or trailers are excluded from using SCR V dry camping facilities.

14.2.2 Guests who plan on staying for more than the time indicated in the public accommodation SCR V dry camping facility’s Management Plan and who arrive in RVs or passenger vehicles towing trailers must either:

14.2.2.1 Rent a guest room in a public accommodation facility, or

14.2.2.2 Secure a space at a health-permitted RV park or campground.

14.3 Exclusions

- 14.3.1** Guests driving SCRVs who do not intend to stay for more than the time indicated in the public accommodation SCRV dry camping facility's Management Plan and that do not cause a substantial health hazard or public nuisance; but are at a public accommodation facility to make use of the hotel, casino, and/or food and beverage services presented there, are excluded from parking in or using the services in the SCRV dry camping facility parking area.
- 14.3.2** Visitors who intend to stay for less than the time period indicated in **Section 14.3.1** shall be directed to park in the parking lot assigned to accommodate larger vehicles such as SCRVs, RVs, busses, and travel trailers.
- 14.3.3** Individuals who park their vehicles temporarily, such as truckers, are not required to park in the SCRV parking lot nor register as SCRV guests.
- 14.3.4** The parking and usage of SCRVs, RVs, trailers and any other associated set-up or conveyance during Health Permitted Special Events are not governed under these Regulations. Regulations and conditions outlined in the Special Event Health Permit are in force during the Special Event, separate from the operation of the SCRV dry camping facility.

14.4 Parking lots and spaces

- 14.4.1** Parking spaces for SCRVs must be located on a well-drained site and shall not create a public health hazard or nuisance.
- 14.4.2** Parking spaces for SCRVs must be arranged in a manner so that there is adequate space between each SCRV and from any road, public walkway or the exterior boundary of the property.

14.5 Baths and showers; backup toilets and lavatories

- 14.5.1** An SCRV dry camping facility shall provide conveniently located backup public restrooms, such as within a service building or the public accommodation facility.
- 14.5.2** When the restroom facilities provided are not in the public accommodation facility, but are in an area such as service building, these rooms must be well ventilated with all openings screened, to exclude flying insects, and constructed of material permitting satisfactory cleaning.
- 14.5.2.1** Floors in a service building must be constructed of water-impervious material, well pitched to a floor drain. The floor must be free from cracks or uneven surfaces that interfere with proper cleaning.

14.5.2.2 Partitions must be raised 12 inches from the floor and must be so constructed as to be easily cleaned. All service buildings and sanitary facilities must be kept in good repair.

14.5.3 During health-permitted temporary events, the SCR.V dry camping facility can, upon approval by the Health Authority, provide properly-maintained nonsewered toilets and temporary hand washing facilities to accommodate the large number of guests present.

14.5.4 Bathtubs and showers are not required to be provided in support of SCR.V dry camping facilities. If the SCR.V bathtub or shower breaks down, then the guest can rent a guest room at a public accommodation facility, which provides bathing and showering facilities.

14.6 Water supply station

14.6.1 SCR.V dry camping facilities must be provided with a potable water supply from a source approved by the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water and meets all applicable NRS 445A requirements.

14.6.1.1 The potable water supply may be located on the property offering SCR.V dry camping spaces, or

14.6.1.2 The potable water supply may be provided by another SCR.V dry camping facility, RV Park, or campground with potable water hookups. There must be a written inter-facility agreement to permit the guests of the subject SCR.V dry camping facility to use the off site potable water supply.

14.6.2 A new water supply intended to serve the SCR.V dry camping facility must be approved by the Health Authority prior to operation as a potable water source.

14.6.3 The potable water system supply station must be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.

14.6.4 The water supply station shall provide hoses to fill SCR.V water tanks. These hoses must be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner. The hose can be disconnected and stored in a sanitary place or it can remain attached to the faucet and be rolled up on a hose reel positioned off the ground. The hose shall not be allowed to lie upon the ground when not in use.

14.6.5 The hose/faucet connection must have an operational backflow or back siphonage prevention device installed.

14.7 Sewage disposal

- 14.7.1** All liquid wastes from service buildings must be discharged into a public sewer or individual sewage disposal system (ISDS) approved by the Health Authority or State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. These wastes must be disposed of in accordance with NAC 444.750 to 444.8396, inclusive.
- 14.7.2** An approved sanitary station must be provided and toilet wastes from the retention tanks of SCRVs must be discharged through it to a public sewer or ISDS.
- 14.7.3** Sewage disposal sanitary stations must be maintained in good working order. Visual inspections must be made by staff to ensure that no failure occurs.
- 14.7.4** Any hose or pipe used to empty the SCRV's waste holding tank must be provided with a standard fitting to assure a watertight connection with the sanitary station. Each connection on both the RV and the sanitary station must be closed when not in use.
- 14.7.5** Sanitary stations must be maintained free of litter, debris, and raw sewage. Should an incident occur where raw sewage is released from the SCRV or backs up from the sewer connection, it shall be addressed by implementing the SCRV dry camping facility's *Biohazard Event Cleanup Plan*. ***An example is provided in Appendix I: Biohazard Event Response Plan for Public Areas.***

14.8 Solid waste disposal

Each SCRV dry camping facility must have solid waste containers (e.g., dumpsters, trash cans) of sufficient number and size to store all the solid waste in a manner that does not exceed the waste containers' capacities until it is removed. The criteria given for solid waste containers in **Section 3.16** of these Regulations, entitled ***Solid Waste Disposal***, apply to the SCRV dry camping facility as well as the public accommodation facility.

14.9 Outdoor areas

The public accommodation facility providing SCRV dry camping facility parking spaces and service buildings is responsible for maintaining the premises. All outdoor areas including, but not limited to, walkways, landscaped areas, storage areas, service buildings, and undeveloped grounds must have sufficient drainage to prevent water from collecting and stagnating in pools, and be kept clean and free of any health hazards.

14.10 Signage

The SCRV dry camping facility may display signs providing direction to guests. The following types of signs are recommended to be posted in areas where guests enter the property, and should be easily readable at a distance from the driveway or entrance:

14.10.1 A sign directing SCRVs intending to dry camp to the appropriate area.

14.10.2 Signs directing all other SCRVs, RVs, large trucks, and trailers to the appropriate large-vehicle parking area and average-sized vehicles to their designated parking areas.

14.10.3 A sign identifying the location of:

14.10.3.1 Potable water supply.

14.10.3.2 Sewage disposal sanitary station.

14.10.3.3 Solid waste disposal containers.

14.10.4 The SCRV dry camping spaces are recommended to be clearly marked in a manner that makes them easy to locate.

14.10.5 An alternative to signage such as a map directing individuals to the needed services would be allowed.

14.11 The Management Plan

14.11.1 The Management Plan document

As part of applying for an SCRV dry camping facility Health Permit, prior to beginning operation, each SCRV dry camping facility shall have a written Management Plan that addresses the operational and administrative policies and procedures that the SCRV dry camping facility plans to implement on its property. Each Management Plan should include narrative descriptions and/or site map(s) of the following items:

14.11.1.1 Basic facility information such as facility name, address, and contact information.

14.11.1.2 A site map of the SCRV dry camping facility parking area(s). Note the dry camping parking area(s) in relation to an easily-located landmark on the public accommodation facility grounds, such as the hotel/casino itself. On the site map, mark:

14.11.1.2.1 The size of all of the areas of the SCRV dry camping facility.

- 14.11.1.2.2** The layout of the parking area.
- 14.11.1.2.3** They layout of the spaces.
- 14.11.1.2.4** The number of spaces available.
- 14.11.1.2.5** The location of the potable water supply if it is on property. When water is supplied from off property (as part of an inter-facility agreement with another facility) include directions to go from the current facility to the facility with the water supply. Also provide an abridged site map showing the location of the water supply on the property of the facility with which the supply agreement has been made.
- 14.11.1.2.6** Location of the sewage system and sanitary station if they are on property. If they are provided off property (as part of an inter-facility agreement with another facility) include directions to go from the current facility to the facility with the sanitary station. Also provide an abridged site map showing the location of the sanitary station on the property of the facility with which the disposal agreement has been made.
- 14.11.1.2.7** Location of solid waste disposal facilities, including proposed number of waste disposal stations.
- 14.11.1.2.8** Location of backup public restrooms.
- 14.11.1.2.9** Any available signage locations.
- 14.11.1.3** Include narrative information in the Management Plan such as:
 - 14.11.1.3.1** Information that supports the critical items listed above that are marked on the site map. Examples include a written description of each of the items, such as backup bathrooms (e.g., located in service building or located in casino) and language used on any signs.
 - 14.11.1.3.2** Information regarding any contingency plans the facility might have to accommodate guest overflow or seasonal changes to the size and layout of the dry camping parking area.
 - 14.11.1.3.3** The language used in the inter-facility agreements. Actual copies of the agreements can be attached as part of the management plan submission.
 - 14.11.1.3.4** Plans for visually surveying parking lots and the SCR.V dry camping spaces for health and safety hazards at regular intervals by Security or other facility-assigned staff.

- 14.11.1.3.5** Methods for documenting areas requiring cleanup or other attention during the parking lot/camping space survey. Facility-assigned staff should document any issues, note the necessary corrective action(s) to be taken, and then contact the appropriate department within the facility to complete the work.
- 14.11.1.3.6** Information regarding the public accommodation facility's own guest check-in, registration, and checkout policies for the SCR V dry camping facility.
- 14.11.1.3.7** Information regarding rules of conduct and responsibilities assigned to the guests.
- 14.11.1.3.8** Description of the content of pamphlets, maps, and other informational items provided to the guests.
- 14.11.1.3.9** Security location, contact information, duties, and interface with other property departments such as maintenance and management.
- 14.11.1.3.10** Information on the SCR V dry camping facility's administrative policies regarding the circumstances under which the facility would want to contact the Health Authority for assistance (e.g., guests illegally disposing of liquid or solid waste in a manner inconsistent with these Regulations or the facility's Management Plan), including contact information for the Health Authority.
- 14.11.1.3.11** Any other information unique to this SCR V dry camping facility.
- 14.11.1.3.12** Responsibilities and plans for the upgrade of or changes to this Management Plan document.

14.11.2 Management Plan submission

The Management Plan shall be submitted to the Health Authority for review prior to implementation. During the review process, the Health Authority shall make required and recommended changes to the Management Plan. After approval, the Health Authority and the responsible person shall mutually agree upon an implementation schedule and dates by which any noted corrective actions must be taken.

14.11.3 Management Plan revision review

Should any changes to the Management Plan become necessary that would significantly alter the nature of the SCR V dry camping facility's operation, then those changes must be provided to the Health Authority for review and approval prior to their implementation.