

Aberdeen City Council  
(Prohibition of Camping in Designated Areas) Byelaws 2014

Aberdeen City Council (“the Council”), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 201, 202 and 203 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following byelaws:

Interpretation and Citation

1. In these byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (1) “Designated Area” means any place within the areas shown delineated in red on the maps annexed and executed as relative hereto;
  - (2) where the boundary of any Designated Area is a wall, fence, hedge or other such enclosure it shall be regarded as lying within the designated area;
  - (3) in these byelaws the term “over-night” shall mean from 6pm to 6am (or any part thereof);
  - (4) “caravan” means a caravan which is mobile or affixed to the land;
  - (4) in these byelaws the term “shelter” will not apply to an umbrella;
  - (5) These byelaws may be cited as the Aberdeen City Council (Prohibition of Camping in Designated Areas) Byelaws 2014.

Offence

- 2(1) It shall be an offence for any person to:

- (a) set up, use or occupy a caravan, campervan, motorhome or tent overnight;
- (b) set up, use or occupy a form of shelter overnight; or
- (c) occupy a vehicle overnight;

within a Designated Area.

- (d) to refuse to leave a Designated Area, after being requested to do so either by a Council Officer or by a Police Officer having reasonable grounds for believing that such person is committing, has committed or is about to commit an offence under these byelaws.
  - (e) to refuse to provide their correct full name, date of birth and address and registration of any vehicle in which they have travelled to or within the Designated Area to a Council Officer or Police Officer who has reasonable grounds for believing that such person is committing, has committed or is about to commit an offence under these byelaws.
- (2) A new offence under subsection (1) is deemed to have been committed for each period of 24 hours during which any activity listed in subsection (1) takes places in a Designated Area.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the standard scale.

#### Public Notices of Effect

- 3(1) The Council shall erect one or more signs at or reasonably adjacent to prominent boundaries of the Designated Area for the purpose of giving notice of the effect of these byelaws.

- (2) It shall not be a defence in proceedings against a person for an offence under these byelaws that the Council failed to comply with paragraph (1) of this byelaw.

### Exemptions

- 4 On prior application in writing to the Council by an individual or group, the Council shall be entitled at its sole discretion to grant exemption under these byelaws. Any exemption so granted shall be in writing, shall specify the precise location within the Designated Area for which the exemption is granted, shall specify the activity or activities for which the exemption is granted and shall specify the duration of the period of such exemption, and any terms or conditions which may apply to such exemption. It shall be an offence to contravene any such terms and conditions imposed by the Council.