

SPS 327 CAMPING UNITS ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

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Construction and Inspection Stds. Established for “Camping Units”

Chapter 101.63(1) of the State Statutes establishes standards for the construction and inspection of camping units set in a fixed location in a campground that is licensed by the Department of Health Services.



The standards apply to such units that contain a sleeping place, and is used for temporary seasonal overnight camping.

What exactly is defined as a “Campground”?

“Campground” has the meaning given in DHS 178.03(3). **Note:** DHS 178.03 (3) reads: “Campground” means a parcel or tract of land owned by a person, state, or local government that is designed, maintained, intended, or used for the purpose of providing campsites offered with or without charge, for temporary overnight sleeping accommodations.

“Camping Unit” defined

SPS 327.08(9) defines Camping Unit as a wood framed structure or a tent, teepee, yurt, or other structure with fabric roof or walls that is 400 square feet or less in area, which is used for seasonal overnight camping in a campground.



What's A Yurt?



Who Inspects Camping Units?

Municipalities that have adopted the UDC shall adopt SPS 327 in its entirety.

(1) MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION.

(a) *General.* 1. Except as provided in par. (b), cities, villages, towns, and counties approved by the department under ch. SPS 320.06 to exercise jurisdiction over the construction and inspection of new dwellings shall exercise jurisdiction over the construction and inspection of new camping units.

2. Municipalities exercising jurisdiction under subd. 1. shall, by ordinance, adopt this code in its entirety.

Opting Out of Enforcement

- ▣ **327.06(1)(b) Municipalities can choose to opt out of jurisdiction of this chapter**
- ▣ **Must notify the department in writing, within 90 days of the effective date of this code.**

Are Building Plan Submittals Required for the Permitting Process?

NO.

Building plans are not required to be submitted as part of the permit submittal/issuance process.

Can local codes apply to camping units?

NO.

SPS 327 is a uniform statewide code, thus a local municipality may not adopt an ordinance on any subject falling within the scope of the code.

Does this code apply to existing camping units already in place?

NO.

This code only applies to camping units for which construction commenced on or after the effective date of the code.

Does SPS 327 apply to repairs of affected camping units?

NO.

The provisions of the code do not apply to repairs or maintenance of camping units, or the repair of electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, air conditioning and other systems installed in the camping unit.

Where does one obtain and submit a permit application for a camping unit?

Permits are obtained and submitted with the local UDC inspector employed or contracted with the municipality, or the State contracted inspector.

The permit shall expire 24 months after issuance if construction of the camping unit has not been completed.

Which inspections are required for a camping unit?

- ▣ **A ROUGH inspection of the following are required prior to the work being concealed:**
 - 1. General construction, including framing.**
 - 2. Rough electrical.**
 - 3. Rough plumbing.**
 - 4. Rough heating, ventilating and air conditioning.**

A FINAL INSPECTION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY

▣ Required FINAL Inspections:

- Construction

- HVAC

- Electrical

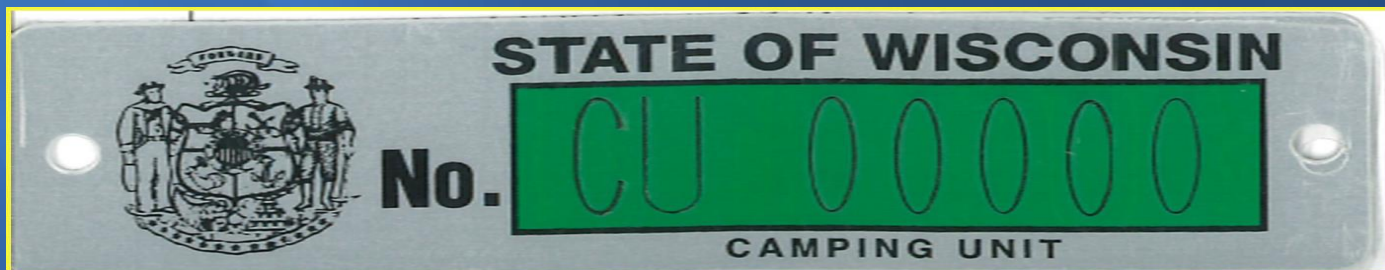
- Plumbing and Transfer Tank

Non Compliance of Rough or Final

- ▣ Municipality or authorized UDC inspection agency shall notify the applicant of record and the owner, in writing, of the violations to be corrected.

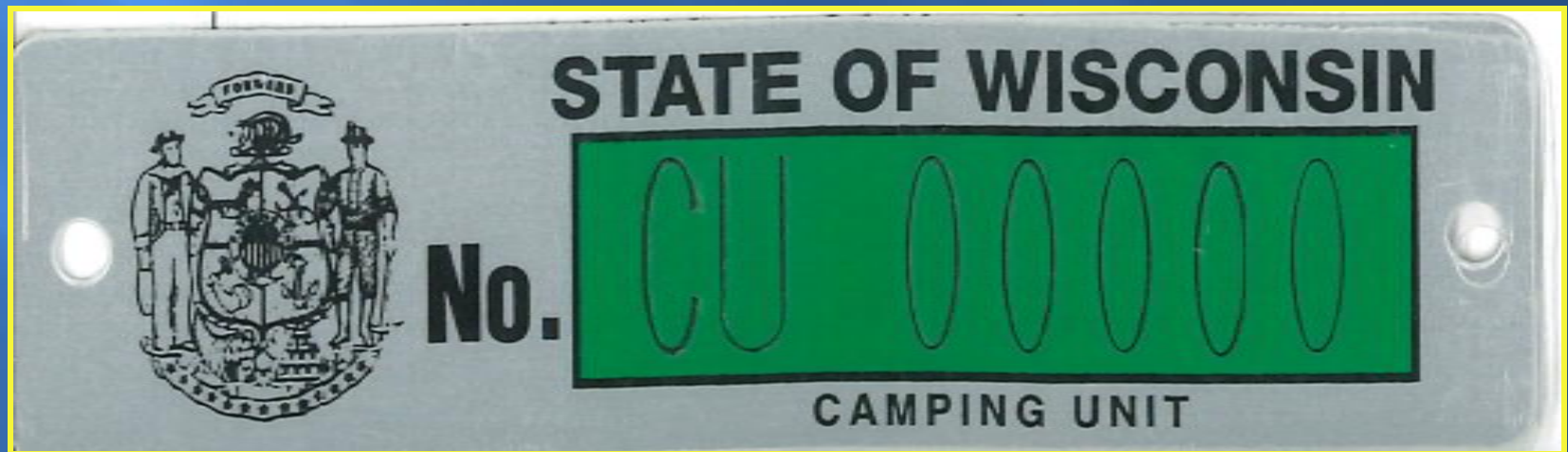
Final Compliance

- Upon compliance for a final inspection, the municipality assigns a “Wisconsin Insignia” to the owner of the camping unit as provided in s. SPS 327.12 (1) Insignia denotes compliance with SPS 327
- Each camping unit shall be assigned a serial number. The serial number shall be located on the Wisconsin Insignia.
- Owner is responsible for attaching the insignia to the camping unit.



From Whom Are Insignias Purchased?

- Wisconsin insignias shall be purchased by municipalities from the Department of Administration in accordance with the fee established in s. SPS 302.34.



How Long Must Records Be Kept? Inspection Notes/Orders

- ▣ A record shall be made of each visit to a site, each inspection performed and the pass or fail results of each inspection.
- ▣ Applications forms, correction orders, correspondence and inspection records shall be maintained for 7 years after completion of the camping unit.

How Long Must Records Be Kept? Insignias

- ▣ **The municipality shall keep permanent records for at least 10 years indicating the following:**
 1. The number of Wisconsin insignias affixed to camping units.
 2. Which Wisconsin insignia has been applied to which camping unit.
 3. The disposition of any damaged or rejected Wisconsin insignias.
 4. The location and custody of all unused Wisconsin insignias.

Thank You

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