

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE  
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1764

By: Kerbs

7 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to public lands; amending Section 1,  
9 Chapter 175, O.S.L. 2024 (64 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
10 1097), which relates to unauthorized camps;  
11 prohibiting use of county- or municipal-owned lands  
12 for unauthorized camps; authorizing counties and  
13 municipalities to opt out of prohibition; and  
14 providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 175, O.S.L.  
17 2024 (64 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1097), is amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 Section 1097. A. As used in this section, "unauthorized camp"  
20 means any tent, shelter, or bedding constructed or arranged for the  
21 purpose of or in such a way to permit overnight use on a property  
22 not designated as a campsite.

23 B. Persons may not use state-owned, county-owned, or municipal-  
24 owned lands for the purposes of establishing an unauthorized camp.

1 C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section  
2 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a  
3 fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the  
4 county jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine  
5 and imprisonment. However, a person who commits a first violation  
6 of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation may not be  
7 issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered to them by  
8 the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but is not  
9 limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or other place  
10 where resources are made available to assist the indigent and  
11 homeless.

12 D. The governing body of any county or municipality may opt out  
13 of this section by a majority vote of the governing body.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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