



MacKenzie Whitsell &lt;mackenziwhitsell@gmail.com&gt;

**Re: camping**

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**MacKenzie Whitsell** <mackenziwhitsell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 7:53 AM

To: Victoria Robinson-Lewis &lt;zeo@sterlingct.us&gt;

Hi Victoria, do I need a zoning permit for people to camp in tents on the ground if I'm not actually building anything?

Thanks,

MacKenzie

On Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 8:37 AM MacKenzie Whitsell <mackenziwhitsell@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Victoria, it was nice talking with you last week! I submitted the zoning application for the campground and the building application for the decks should be submitted shortly. I applied for campground status through the NDDH and the state application is underway. Please let me know if there's anything else you need. I'm so excited about this project, it's going to make a huge impact on the mission of our nonprofit by allowing people from farther away to come stay with us and learn about the mustangs and potentially adopt them. We already have four people coming from around the country this April to adopt mustangs 🐾. Right now we're planning on putting them up at another local campground unless we can get approval in time, which would be amazing. I'm really hopeful that with just four primitive tent sites, it won't be too difficult to get people on board 😊

Thanks,

MacKenzie  
401-330-6924

On Mon, Feb 26, 2024 at 6:33 AM Kyle Collins <kcollins@sterlingct.us> wrote:

Hi Mackensie,

You do not need a building permit if the structure is under 200 sq. ft. and there is not any electrical going to it. It must be properly secured to the ground though. You need to contact Northeast District Department of Health to see if they have any requirements (860-774-7350) and you must contact the Town of Sterling Zoning Enforcement Officer, Victoria Robison-Lewis for the Town zoning requirements. Her email is above. I cc'ed her on this email.

Respectfully,  
Kyle

D. Kyle Collins Jr.  
Town of Sterling  
Building Official  
860.377.8063

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**From:** MacKenzie Whitsell <mackenziwhitsell@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:17 AM

**To:** Kyle Collins <kcollins@sterlingct.us>

**Subject:** Freestanding decks

Hi Kyle, I hope all is well. I was wondering if you could tell me whether I need a permit to build a freestanding platform/deck out in the woods. I read somewhere that if it's less than a certain height, no permit is needed. We want to build 4 platforms in the woods for guests to interact with our wild horses safely. Please let me know.

Thanks,

MacKenzie Whitsell  
401-330-6924

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**Victoria Robinson-Lewis** <zeo@sterlingct.us>  
To: MacKenzie Whitsell <mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 2:28 PM

Hi MacKenzie,

Yes you do need a permit because it's a non residential use and you will also need to submit a site plan to the Planning and Zoning Board. I have this Wednesday available for a visit to the property so we can discuss things further. Let me know what time works for you 😊

*Victoria Robinson-Lewis*

Town of Sterling

Zoning Enforcement Officer

(860)564-2904 Ext. 115

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**MacKenzie Whitsell** <mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com>  
To: Victoria Robinson-Lewis <zeo@sterlingct.us>

Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 3:01 PM

Awesome, thanks! I could do 9am, 12:30 or 3:30 on Wednesday if any of those times work

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**Victoria Robinson-Lewis** <zeo@sterlingct.us>  
To: MacKenzie Whitsell <mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 5:12 PM

Unfortunately I am not available at those times. Would 2:00 or 11:00 work for you?

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**From:** MacKenzie Whitsell <mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 3:01:12 PM  
**To:** Victoria Robinson-Lewis <zeo@sterlingct.us>  
**Subject:** Re: camping

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**MacKenzie Whitsell** <mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com>  
To: Victoria Robinson-Lewis <zeo@sterlingct.us>

Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 10:01 PM

I'm sorry I can't do either, our farrier is going to be here 10-12 and we have an appointment with a dog trainer at 2 🙄. Are there any other days that work?

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**Victoria Robinson-Lewis** <zeo@sterlingct.us>  
To: MacKenzie Whitsell <mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 2:54 PM

I moved some stuff around.... I'll be there at 3:30

Victoria

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**From:** MacKenzie Whitsell <[mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com](mailto:mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 10:01:12 PM

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**MacKenzie Whitsell** <[mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com](mailto:mackenziewhitsell@gmail.com)>

Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 5:27 PM

To: Victoria Robinson-Lewis <[zeo@sterlingct.us](mailto:zeo@sterlingct.us)>

Awesome, thanks! See you then. My number is (401) 330-6924 if you want to call or text when you get here in case I'm out with the horses or something

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