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FEDERAÇÃO DE CAMPISMO E MONTANHISMO DE PORTUGAL

CLUBE PORTUGUÉS DE AUTOCARAVANAS

PLATFORM UNIT

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. As a rule, camping with a motorhome, in places forbidden by law, occupying an area greater than its perimeter, as a result of opening windows to the exterior, use of awnings, tables, chairs or similar used to the practice of camping may result in the vehicle immobilization by the local authorities.
2. The act of camping, as it is defined above, is only allowed in places approved by law and is forbidden on public roads, regardless of the time that occurs and shall, in safeguarding the public interest, be penalized.
3. Should also be observed that parking overnight, contravening the mentioned rules, as well as the Highway Code, may result in the immobilization of the motorhome, regardless of the presence of absence of people inside.
4. However, the act of parking, including overnight stays, as it is defined above, must be permitted, in places not forbidden by law, without exceptions for motorhomes (if this was not considered it would undermine the motor caravanners' rights).
5. Legislating in a discriminatory form by preventing motorhome vehicles to park, where other vehicles of equal or similar type are allowed, it would mean a breach of motorcaravanners' rights.
6. Motorhome tourism is a proven factor in economic development for regions and people; consequently, there are compelling reasons that justify a positive discrimination policy for motorhoming.
7. Campsites must allow the use of Service Areas for motorhomes therein (by installing the essential requirements for these vehicles), under a policy of the environment protection, providing drinking water, gray and black water disposal point, with appropriate prices for this service.
8. The implementation of service areas for motorhomes, not only contributes to the economical development of cities, villages and the like, but also encourages the environmental protection as well as to traffic control.