

Criteria for City Management of Non-sanctioned Camps on Outdoor City Property

At a time when Council has declared a State of Emergency around housing and homelessness, and with a significant shortage of safe indoor spaces for people to shelter and sleep, the City should have a standard City-wide approach to managing sleeping on City-controlled property that is open to and available for use by the general public.

All City employees, residents and those seeking safe sleeping should have a clear expectation of what will and will not be allowed by the City. The City will provide four options for people so that they can sleep safely while they transition into permanent housing options. These four options include:

- **New Safe Sleep Guidelines**
 - Only sleeping bags and/or tarps on sidewalks (no tents/structures)
 - Tents, from 9:00pm – 7:00am, on rights of way (other than sidewalks) and remnants
 - No groups bigger than six people in any one location
 - Other guidelines as written below
- **Organized, City Sanctioned Camping**
 - Permitted by City
 - Hosted by a City-selected “camp host”
 - Code of Conduct
 - Restrooms and sanitation provided
- **Organized, City Sanctioned Car/RV Camping**
 - Permitted by City
 - Hosted by a City-selected “camp host”
 - Code of Conduct
 - Restrooms and sanitation provided
 - Church parking lots ok when in partnership with City
- **Shelter**

Whoever in each bureau currently decides what action should be taken on a campsite will still determine if action should be taken or complaint should be filed with One-Point of contact, and should now use the criteria listed below.

Definitions

City-sanctioned Organized Camp: a group of campers who have entered into a temporary use agreement or permit with the City for a specific City-owned or leased space; have a City-agreed upon Code of Conduct; and will be provided additional supports by the city (i.e. trash pick-up, portable toilets, etc.)

Camp Clean-up: cooperative effort to maintain camp location. Campers are required to bag garbage and place in a visible spot for regular collection, or properly dispose in a dumpster. Contractors

may or may not assist with the process. People and their pets are allowed to remain at the location, or immediately allowed to return to the location, upon being requested to move in order to clean the site.

Permanent Campsite Removal: action taken by a landowner (private or public, including the City of Portland) to restore land to its public use and clean-up the location. This includes, but is not limited to picking up and disposing of debris, garbage, waste and biohazards. The notification and posting protocols will be in accordance with the Anderson Agreement.

Temporary Structure: a structure which requires no nails, screws, or other fastening hardware (i.e. a tent). This does not include City-sanctioned portable housing (i.e. pods)

Blocking a sidewalk: property of any kind on a sidewalk which is not in accordance with existing furnishing zone and high pedestrian use zone policies, including structures or tents.

General guidelines for sleeping on City of Portland property, not including City-sanctioned organized camps

- The property is outdoors and open to the public;
- Generally allowed to have 6 or fewer people sleeping at one location;
- Only sleeping bag and/or tarps are allowed on the sidewalk for sleeping;
- Temporary structures are allowed, but not on sidewalks;
- Temporary structures, where allowed, can only be used from 9:00 pm – 7:00 am and then must be dismantled;
- Not allowed more than one temporary structure per person;
- Sleep areas must create little or no visible garbage or trash;
- Pedestrian, wheel chair, and other forms of conveyance must have clear passage on sidewalks paths, and trails at all times;
- Current rules governing high pedestrian use zones remain in effect;

Activity/Conditions **NOT** allowed, which could result in immediate enforcement:

- Pedestrian, wheel chair, and other forms of conveyance are blocked due to structure(s)/items of camping.
- Structure/items of camping is located on a public street, including parking spaces.
- Structure/items of camping is located on a sidewalk.
- Structure/items of camping is blocking access in/out of parked vehicle.
- Structure/items of camping is blocking access to bicycle rack.

Activity/Conditions **NOT** allowed, which could trigger the authorization for a permanent campsite removal and/or clean up:

- Criminal activity threatening to other campers or community members (i.e. chop shops, assaultive behavior, open air drug-use/sells, etc.)

- If the criminal activity can be stopped by removing an individual from the camp, and the rest of the camp occupants are cooperating with police to help stop the criminal activity, then the camp may not need to be permanently removed
- Camp or structure (temporary or permanent) that is located on the sidewalk
- Camp or structure (temporary or permanent) that is located on a public street, including within parking spaces
- Semi-permanent structures (Unless part of a City-sanctioned organized camp or otherwise sanctioned by the City)
- Significantly altering or degrading the environment and/or significant debris and/or visible waste (particularly if it impacts sensitive land including habitat, flood plain, etc.)
- Camping on ODOT property that is posted with “NO CAMPING” signs
- Camp size is too large (generally over 6 people)
- Articulate public health concern

How to request permanent removal and/or clean-up of a camp:

- All requests will be sent to the City of Portland’s One Point of Contact administrator for review.

Property that is privately owned or owned by a public entity other than the City of Portland:

- Property that is privately owned or owned by a public entity other than the City of Portland is not affected by these guidelines.
- Private property and non-City of Portland public property owners will receive the same assistance from City of Portland Public Safety Bureaus as they did prior to the implementation of these guidelines.