



Outside Habitation Expectations for tent encampments

While camping and habitation outside the following expectations must be met or camps may be posted for removal, and enforcement by citation or arrest may occur.

- Be working towards shelter and/or housing (demonstrate meaningful engagement with service providers. **See reverse for additional information.**)
- No blocking of sidewalks (VMC 7.04.020)
- No storing of personal property in public spaces (VMC 8.22.050)
- No extra storage tents, only tents being actively lived in (VMC 8.22.050)
- No hardening of sites or building of structures (fire danger, not up to code, etc)
- No tying off to private property (fences, poles, trees, posts, mailboxes, etc)
- No public urination or defecation (VMC 7.10.020)
- Keep sites clean and orderly (contain solid waste, manage litter)
- Work with Talkin' Trash team for solid waste removal
- Should be able to pack up and leave the area in an hour

Areas where camping and outside habitation are prohibited at all times by law:

- Designated parks
- Schools and libraries
- Within 200 feet of water ways and water facilities (bioswales, wastewater, towers)
- Within 1000 feet of Safe Stay Communities (The Outpost, Hope Village, etc)
- On a street surface or on a parking lot surface
- Within 15 feet of improved trail surfaces
- Ellen Davis Trail and Discovery Trail areas
- The southern slope of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail (Fire Impact Area)
- Under BPA high voltage power lines



Meaningful engagement with service providers to overcome barriers to shelter/housing will be different for each individual, but may include any of the following:

- A current housing assessment
- Detox
- Substance Use treatment
- Disability application
- Mental health diagnosis/treatment
- Safe Stay Community (The Outpost, Hope Village, or similar)
- Recovery housing / clean & sober housing
- Accepting shelter offered
- Accepting housing offered
- Legal issues – quash outstanding arrest warrants; report to Court
- State identification or driver license
- Medical care
- Employment

For shelter/housing assistance and outreach contact:

- **Council for the Homeless Housing Hotline (360) 695-9677**
- **For Street Outreach assistance contact (360) 450-0802**
- **Recovery Navigators (360) 583-3301**

For questions about this notice contact the HART team at (360) 487-8626