



# Outside Habitation Expectations for Vehicles, RVs, Trailers

**Individuals who camp in or inhabit vehicles on public property are expected to adhere to the following regulations. Failure to comply may result in vehicles/camps being posted for removal, and enforcement actions such as citation or arrest may be taken [VMC 8.22.020].**

## ❖ **Be working towards shelter, housing, and employment.**

All individuals camping outdoors or in vehicles are expected to participate in meaningful engagement towards obtaining shelter, housing, or employment (See reverse for more info.)

- No vehicles used for camping or habitation may be parked on or within a planter strip or other areas of the right-of-way not intended or permitted to be used for parking. [VMC 19, RCW 46.61.570(1)(a)(ii)]
- Vehicles must be operable, properly licensed, and in legal running condition
- No vehicles or camping materials may block sidewalks or obstruct any portion of any street, bike lane or path intended for travel [VMC 7.04.020; VMC 8.22; VMC 19.12.090 ADA]
- No storing personal property in public spaces or extra storage tents/vehicles [VMC 8.22.050]
- No building of structures or hardening of sites [VMC 8.22.050; VMC 17.32] or attaching to or obstructing public infrastructure (bridges, utility poles, fences, trees, etc.) or private property [VMC 12.080(B)(5); RCW 70.54.090]
- Unauthorized connection to public utilities is prohibited [RCW 9A.56; VMC 17]
- Maintain cleanliness of camping space; gray and black water dumping prohibited; no public urination or defecation; trash, bodily fluids, and any hazardous materials should be disposed of properly [VMC 7.10.020; VMC 6.12; VMC 14.26.117; VMC 14.10.050]
- No camping on private land owned by others [VMC 8.22; RCW 46.61.570]

## **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)
- 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 be satisfied by demonstrating completion of one or more of the following within the past seven (7) days:

- Completion of a current housing assessment
- Receipt of treatment or services to assist with Detox
- Receipt of substance use treatment
- Completion of a disability assistance application
- Receipt of mental health treatment
- Application to, or participation in, a Safe Stay or Safe Park Community
- Application to recovery housing / clean & sober housing
- Accepting shelter offered
- Accepting housing offered
- Completion of steps to address legal issues (e.g., quash outstanding arrest warrants) or reporting to Court for one or more scheduled appearance(s)
- Application for a government identification card or driver license
- Application for a vehicle title, license, or registration
- Receipt of medical care
- Application for employment

**For shelter/housing assistance and outreach contact:**

- **Council for the Homeless Housing Hotline (360) 695-9677**
- **For Street Outreach assistance contact (206) 472-8172**
- **Recovery Navigators (360) 583-3301**

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