



Outside Habitation Expectations for Tent Encampments

Individuals who camp or inhabit outdoor areas on public property are expected to adhere to the following regulations. Failure to comply may result in 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 are expected to participate in meaningful engagement towards obtaining shelter, housing, or employment (See reverse for more info.)

- No blocking sidewalks or obstructing any portion of any street, bike lane or path intended for travel [VMC 7.04.020; VMC 8.22; ADA]
- No storing personal property in public spaces or extra storage tents [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]
- No direct damage to the environment by harming trees, digging/trenching, cutting vegetation, or disturbing wildlife [VMC 15.04.040; VMC 20.770; RCW 77.15.130]
- No burn barrels or burning of garbage; camp stoves are only allowed with specified safety measures [VMC 6.12.120; VMC 15.04.110; RCW 9A.48]
- Unauthorized connection to public utilities is prohibited [RCW 9A.56; VMC 17]
- No camping on private land owned by others [VMC 8.22; RCW 46.61.570]
- 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]

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

- Parks, schools, libraries, water facilities, street/parking lot surfaces, on or within 15 feet of paved or improved trail surfaces
- Within 1000 feet of Safe Stay Communities
- Within 200 feet of waterways
- Fire impact areas: under BPA high voltage lines, southern slope of Burnt Bridge Creek, Ellen Davis Trail, Discovery Trail/Arnold Park



“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
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- 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