

**BEND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. XXXXX**

**DESCHUTES COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-049**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BEND CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT  
AND SANITATION SERVICES ON PUBLICLY OWNED LAND  
NORTHEAST OF BEND**

**Findings**

A. Deschutes County, Oregon (“County”), and the City of Bend, an Oregon municipal corporation (“City”), are political subdivisions of the State of Oregon.

B. The County and the City each own land in Deschutes County northeast of the Bend city limits and outside the Bend urban growth boundary, adjacent to US-97 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks. [This area is part of a larger area commonly referred to as “Juniper Ridge”, but the City and County are going attempt to no longer call the area with unsanctioned camping as “Juniper Ridge”]. Staff estimate approximately 37 people are residing in 21 unpermitted and unauthorized campsites on the County’s property, and that there are approximately 50-60 unpermitted and unauthorized camps west of the railroad tracks and fewer than 20 campsites east of the railroad tracks on the City’s property. These numbers can fluctuate based on the season and circumstances.

C. Camping, survival sheltering, and other overnight uses of the land without services or facilities at the location has resulted in unpermitted and potentially unsafe conditions. The area has also been used as a site for illicit and unlawful dumping of garbage and vehicles, which poses a threat to health and safety, the environment, and the public, including people seeking shelter.

D. The County and the City are committed to addressing homelessness in the area by increasing housing, case management, and a continuum of shelter options. Both entities have provided funding for case management and other services, shelter beds, safe parking locations, and permanent and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness.

E. Both the City and County have made efforts to improve public safety and reduce harms posed by unmanaged camping on their properties. Beginning in 2023, the County and City have provided portable toilets, potable water, and dumpsters. Independent service providers are also in contact with individuals camping on the lands owned by the City and County, building relationships and providing resources and connections to more stable living situations, including shelter and permanent housing.

F. Sanitation facilities and housing-focused case management are essential to improving the risks to public safety posed by unmanaged camping.

Now, therefore, based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEND and THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY JOINTLY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Commitment for funding. The City and County commit to entering to an intergovernmental agreement each providing funds toward additional services for people living on the property, including:
  - a. Housing-focused case management services, including appropriate follow-up.
2. Funding and duration. A portion of the funds to be allocated to this effort originate with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and must be expended by the end of 2026. The City and County do not intend to provide services at the location long-term. The City and County goal is with the additional services being provided that the people currently living on the land will be relocated to an alternative site or find long-term housing solutions for the eventual closure of this land.
3. Continued services and enforcement. The City will continue and expand contracts for fuels reduction and clean-up of solid waste, debris, abandoned campsites, and abandoned vehicles on its property. The City will develop an enforcement and monitoring strategy to enforce a prohibition on camping and other unlawful uses of its property east of the railroad tracks. The County will continue its contracts for sanitation and hygiene services, and both entities will work together on contracting for additional services including sanitation, hygiene, and housing-focused case management.
4. This resolution is effective on signing by both the City and County.

Adopted by the Bend City Council on **[INSERT MEETING DATE]**.

YES:

NO:

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Melanie Kebler, Mayor

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for Deschutes County on **[INSERT MEETING DATE]**.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

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PATTI ADAIR, Chair

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ANTHONY DEBONE, Vice Chair

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PHIL CHANG, Commissioner

Attest:

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Morgen Fry, Bend City Recorder

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Deschutes County Recording Secretary

Approved as to form:

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Mary A. Winters, Bend City Attorney

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Deschutes County Counsel