

Department of Administrative Services

Safe Parking Discussion

BOCC meeting:
November 27, 2023



City of Bend – two levels

Overnight camping

- Up to 3 vehicles
- No city authorization required
- Property owner: business, non-profit, public agency
- Access to sanitation, including bathroom, hand washing, and trash disposal facilities
- No fee may be required for overnight stays



City of Bend - two levels (cont.)

Transitional Overnight Parking Accommodation

- Application process
- Plan for access to bathroom, hand washing, trash disposal, case management/supervision*
- Notification to neighbors*
- Up to six vehicles and/or temporary huts/tents
 - Public entities may allow more than 6 vehicles or huts/tents

(* indicates item is not required for overnight camping category)



City of Redmond

- Application process
- Limited to up to 6 vehicles
- Plan for access to bathroom, hand washing, trash disposal, case management/supervision
- Allowed at religious institutions, non-profits, public agencies, commercial property.
- Not allowed on residential property
- Vehicles only



Two Draft Board Orders

- Not land use
- General approach: for consistency, develop a program very similar to Bend and Redmond's programs
- Board Order 2023-052: within an Urban Growth Boundary
- Board Order 2023-053: within one-mile of an Urban Growth Boundary



Board Order 2023-052 (within UGB)

Topic/Issue	City of Bend	City of Redmond	Deschutes County Draft	Staff comments
1. Should tents, yurts, huts, fabric structures be included?	Yes, for transitional overnight parking level	No	Yes for Bend area No for Redmond area	Tents, yurts, etc. are allowed within UGB, but not outside UGB
2. Should safe parking for 3 or less vehicles be allowed without County approval?	Allows w/o city approval	Does not allow w/o city approval	County approval required for Bend area County approval required for Redmond area	Staff recommends County approval to ensure sanitation requirements are met and to ensure program integrity is maintained (used for homeless, not recreation)



Board Order 2023-053: outside UGB

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3. Should safe parking be allowed on resource lands, such as EFU? (Note: the Gales' property and Bend Parks and Rec site east of Bend are both EFU)	N/A	N/A	Does not allow safe parking on resource land	State land use issues



General Discussion Items

Topic/Issue	City of Bend	City of Redmond	Deschutes County Draft	Staff comments
1. Application fee?	No fee	No fee	No fee	Purpose of the program is to encourage safe parking sites, charging a fee may discourage applicants
2. Should the County program allow the host to charge people to camp?	Does not allow program participants to be charged	Does not allow program participants to be charged	Does not allow program participants to be charged	Charging a fee creates a barrier to safe parking; starts to look more like a campground vs emergency shelter
3. HB 2006, Section 6 allows public entities or religious institutions to offer overnight camping to homeless on their property without restriction to inside/outside a UGB. Does the Board want to allow this anywhere in the unincorporated County?	N/A	N/A	Does not include this provision	



Next Steps

