



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion and Consideration of Safe Parking Board Orders

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Direct staff as appropriate.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Cities of Bend and Redmond have implemented Safe Parking programs to allow for limited overnight parking for people experiencing homelessness. The Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to develop a draft safe parking program in the unincorporated County for consideration.

City of Bend's Safe Parking Program

The City of Bend's Safe Parking Program has two levels: overnight camping (up to three vehicles) and transitional overnight parking accommodation (up to 6 vehicles). Key elements of each level are listed below.

- Overnight Camping
 - Property owner/lessee must provide access to sanitation, including a bathroom, hand washing facilities, and trash disposal.
 - No formal City authorization required.
 - Property must be leased or owned by a business, non-profit, or public entity.

- Transitional Overnight Parking Accommodation
 - Property owner/lessee must provide a plan and provide access to sanitation, including a bathroom; hand washing facilities; trash disposal; supervision, and policies on who can stay, how long, and what hours.
 - Notice of an application to neighboring property owners.
 - Applicants need to accept liability and demonstrate insurance coverage acceptable to the City.

- Individual residential property owners are not eligible to participate.
- This program requires case management or supervision.
- Applications are processed administratively, not through land use.
- City Manager approves/denies applications.

City of Redmond's Safe Parking Program

The City of Redmond's program is limited to properties operated by a religious institution, non-profit, public, or commercial entity, and not currently used for residential use. Other key elements include the following:

- The property owner/lessee applies for and receives approval from the Community Development Department.
- The property owner/ lessee accepts liability and demonstrates insurance coverage.
- Limited to up to six vehicles.
- Property owner/lessee makes available on the premises sanitary facilities, including a restroom, handwashing facility, and trash disposal.
- Reasonable policies that set out what supervision will be provided.

Proposed Deschutes County Safe Parking/Overnight Camping Program

Attached are two draft Board Orders to implement safe/parking/overnight parking program: one for land within the Urban Growth Boundary (Board Order 2023-052) and the other for lands within 1-mile of an Urban Growth Boundary (Board Order 2023-053). Under the proposed County program, the criteria will be generally consistent with each city's program.

Attached is a decision matrix to help frame discussion with the Board on this topic.

Also attached are the following documents:

- Board PowerPoint presentation for November 27, 2023.
- HB 2006
- City of Bend Municipal Code, Chapter 4.10, Safe Parking Programs
- Code of the City of Redmond, Chapter 5.720, Safe Parking and Vehicle Camping Guidelines

BUDGET IMPACTS:

N/A

ATTENDANCE:

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