

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 17-8 OF CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 1, OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 17-8.1 THROUGH 17-8.7 TO CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO REGULATING ENCAMPMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido is committed to protecting the life, health, and safety of its residents and all people within the geographical boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Escondido (“City Council”) finds that certain public lands within the City's geographical boundaries pose significant health and safety hazards to people who make shelter or stay overnight in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that some of these public lands are environmentally sensitive and may be significantly damaged by unregulated human activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to protecting the rights of individuals who cannot obtain shelter and to treating their personal property with respect and consideration and therefore desires to update the Municipal Code to conform to current federal and state constitutional and statutory law; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Homeless Policy, which outlines the City’s considered approach to dealing compassionately and effectively with the myriad of issues surrounding homelessness; and

WHEREAS, City streets, sidewalks, and parks are intended for safe and sanitary shared use by a diverse community of users including businesses, government, and the general public for gathering, recreating, movement of people, maintenance, and cleaning, and are frequently used by people relying on a variety of mobility devices; and

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THE OFFICE OF THE CITY
CLERK FOR YOUR REVIEW.**