



Resolution establishing a city-designated overnight camping area

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- City Code, Chapter 94, prohibits camping on public property when shelter is available.
- When shelter is not available, it regulates camping by establishing time, place, and manner restrictions. Some of these include no camping in residential areas, 500' from schools, 20' from storefronts, no daytime camping between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., no obstruction of sidewalks to less than 5 feet, no accumulation of waste, no consumption of controlled substances, no open flames, and campsites cannot exceed 144 square feet.

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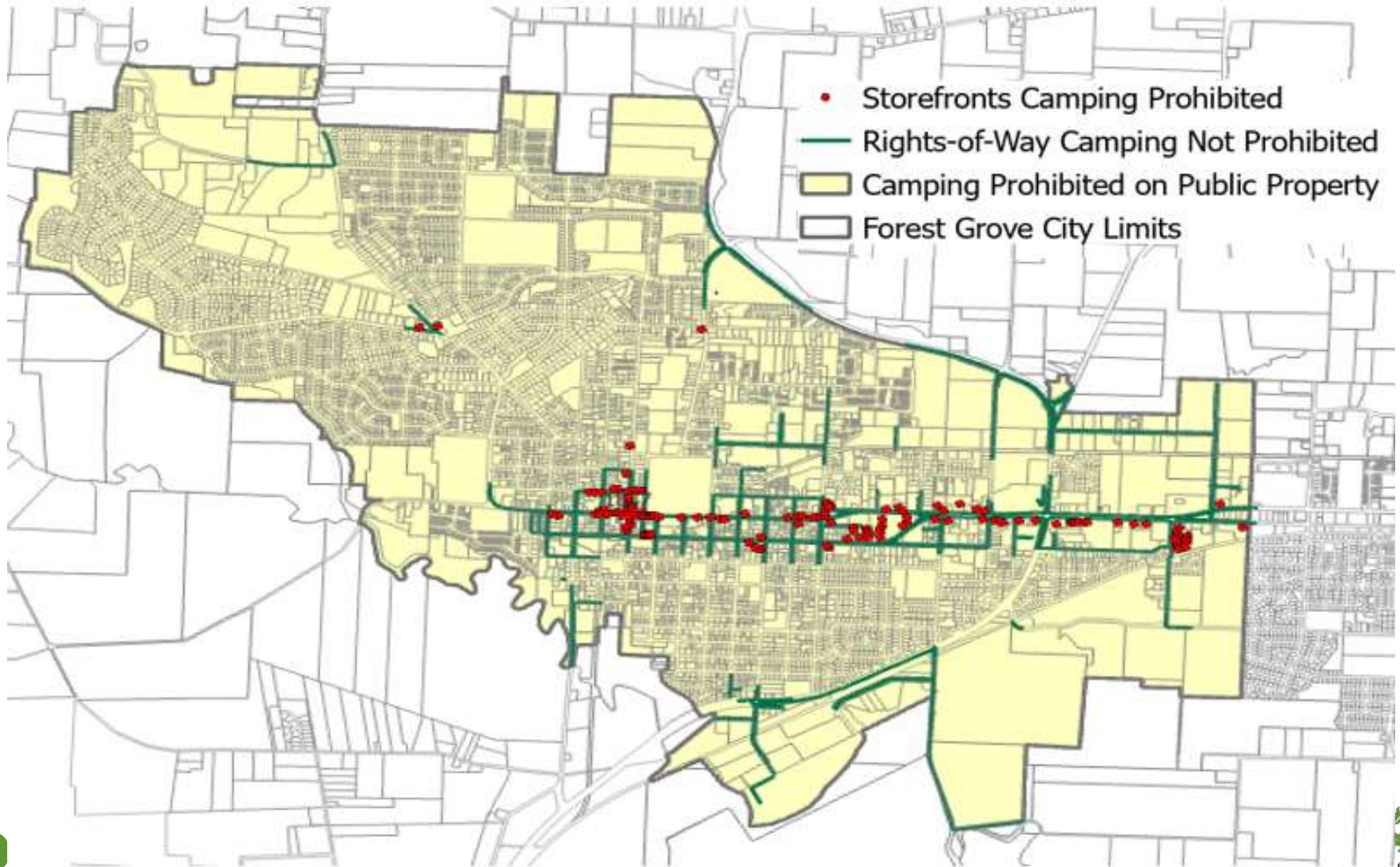
- City Council held work sessions in May to discuss the establishment of a city-designated camping area, subject to the time, place, and manner restrictions contained in City Code.
- The criteria used to evaluate the locations were proximity and access to services, transit, employment and community resources; impacts to the neighborhood; enforceability; and geographic and demographic distribution.
- Five sites were reviewed: 1) Site B on Pacific Avenue and B Street 2) the parking lot southeast of City Hall, 3) the former Stuntzner site south of the Library, 4) Hawthorne and 23rd Avenue, and 5) 19th Avenue and Highway 47.
- There was consensus to consider the parking lot southeast of City Hall.

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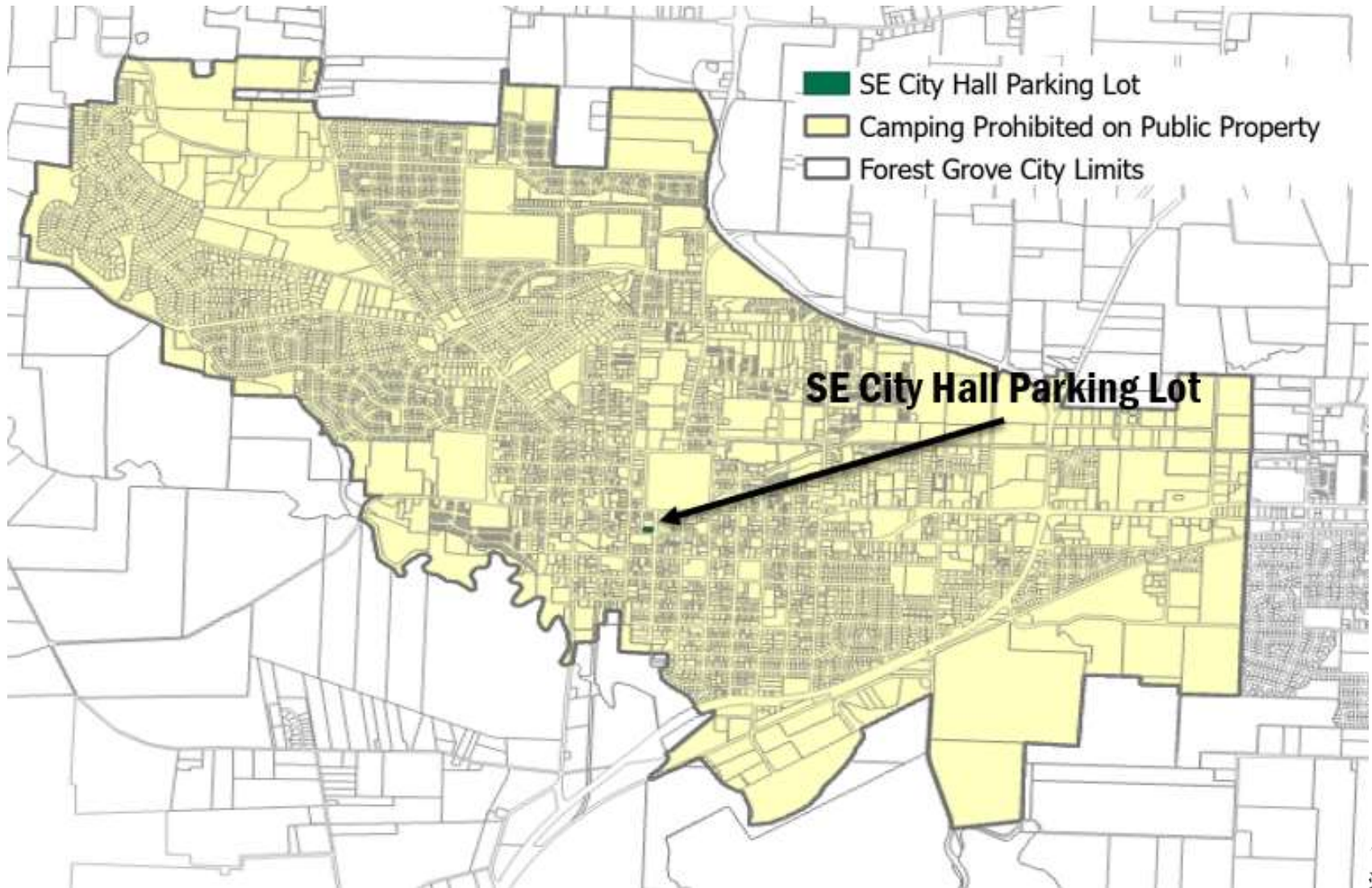
An overnight camping area is different than a managed campground in the following ways:

- Camping is only allowed if shelter is not available. If shelter is not available, camping is allowed between 7 pm – 7 am.
- Campers are required to move from the site during the day to allow for other uses on the site, i.e., parking. Campers are subject to the time and manner regulations contained in City Code.
- The City is working with the County to fund expenses associated with the overnight camping area. If approved, the overnight camping area would be effective October 1, 2023.

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SOUTHEAST CITY HALL CAMPING AREA

