



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2026
PREPARED BY: Ryan Phipps, Chief
DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding an Ordinance establishing regulations and penalties for camping in public areas.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This ordinance amends Chapter 8 of the City of Manor Code of Ordinances by adding regulations prohibiting camping in public areas within the City without effective consent. The ordinance defines camping to include the use of public areas for sleeping or living accommodation purposes, including temporary shelters, bedding, accumulation of personal belongings, and certain overnight vehicle occupancy. The ordinance establishes enforcement authority and a Class C misdemeanor penalty, includes affirmative defenses for approved or authorized camping and limited temporary rest during travel, requires enforcement consistent with Texas Penal Code Section 48.05, and preserves the City's authority to tow, impound, store, and assess related fees for motor vehicles as authorized by state law. The attached ordinance is provided for City Council consideration.