



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/04/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Technician IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT REGARDING A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS IN PUBLIC CITY PARKS

DISCUSSION:

The Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners has requested that the Board discuss the issue of homeless encampments in public city parks. If deemed appropriate, the Board can forward a letter to the Mayor and City Council to express their concerns. The letter will respectfully urge the City Council to adopt ordinances or policies to prevent encampments in public parks and to establish clear procedures for addressing them when they occur.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Norman Board of Park Commissioners consider signing and forwarding a letter to the City Council expressing the Board's concerns regarding homeless encampments in public city parks and recommending possible ordinances regarding encampments.