
Meeting Date: June 23, 2025

Subject: Notice of Civil Trespass for Public Property

Attachments: Ordinance 2025-05

Presented by: Daniel B. Heid – City Attorney and
Joseph Mehline – Public Safety Director

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, PE – City Manager

Discussion:

Washington law recognition, the propriety of the notice of trespass as a tool available to municipalities, whereby they can issue such notices to individuals who are causing problems, committing crimes or interfering with the ability of others to use the public property from entering or remaining on such property for specific periods of time. Such a process would appropriately include identification of the time for which a person is barred from entering the public property, and also include the potential for an appeal through a process identified in the ordinance. The Ordinance should also include the identification of City officials with the authority to issue the Notice of Trespass. The Ordinance also indicated that a violation of the notice of trespass is chargeable as criminal trespass.

Recommendation:

Adopt Ordinance 2025-05 for creating new Chapter 2.82 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Relating to Notice of Civil Trespass for Public Property.