



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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SUBJECT:
Overview of Safe Parking Programs in Washington County

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Homelessness in our communities requires a range of responses, and one option is Safe Parking, which directly addresses the need for people living out of their cars and experiencing homelessness to have a safe space to sleep and receive services, with the goal of obtaining permanent, stable housing. There are two Safe Parking Programs currently active in Washington County, in Beaverton and Tigard. This presentation will provide an overview of what Safe Parking is and how it operates in the two cities.

Safe Parking is a high barrier program that requires background checks for participants and an agreement to engage in a housing case management plan. With long waitlists for shelter and housing programs in the County, Safe Parking provides stability and support to individuals and families without anywhere to go. Safe parking has been successful at housing participants of the program.

This high barrier program is funded by local jurisdictions, not Washington County Supportive Housing Services (SHS). This allows the program to take referrals directly from police departments, libraries, and service providers within the communities they are located, ensuring a local response. The intake and waitlist processes are managed by the contracted case management provider. Host sites provide five 24/7 parking spaces – three for cars, and one each for a porta-potty/handwashing station and pod storage.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Safe Parking Packet
 - Tigard Guidelines
 - Tigard One Pager
 - Tigard Report
 - Beaverton FAQ
 - Beaverton Report