ATTACHMENT E

6.400. Removal of Individuals, their Property and Campsites on Public Property.

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- (1) Prior to the removal of any individual and/or their personal property from an established camping site on public property, law enforcement officials shall post a removal notice at the campsite, written in English and Spanish, 24hours in advance of removal, provided however, that law enforcement officials are encouraged to determine if the circumstances warrant an extension of time for removal to ensure humane treatment, in which instance the law enforcement officials may extend the notice time up to 72 hours in advance of removal;
 - (a) At the time the notice is posted, law enforcement officials shall inform a local agency that delivers social services to homeless individuals where the notice has been posted.
 - (b) This local agency may arrange for outreach workers to visit the camping site where a notice has been posted to assess the need for social service assistance in arranging shelter and other assistance.
 - (c) All unclaimed personal property shall be given to law enforcement officials whether 24 hour notice is required or not. Subject to approval of the City Manager, the City's Public Works Director shall develop a protocol to aid such law enforcement officials in the custody, removal, storage, and destruction of the unclaimed personal property. A notice shall be posted, written in English and Spanish, providing a phone number to call during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to arrange an appointment to pick up the unclaimed personal property. This notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the general vicinity, but not greater than 30 feet, of the personal property to be removed, and shall be laminated or otherwise made to be weather resistant. The notice shall not be posted on or attached to personal property in the area. The property shall be stored for 30 days from the removal date and will be available to any individual claiming ownership. Property that remains unclaimed for 30 days will be disposed of and the notice removed.
 - (d) Personal property means any item that is reasonably recognizable as belonging to a person and has apparent utility. Items that have no apparent utility or are in an unsanitary condition will be immediately discarded upon removal of the homeless individuals from the camping site.
 - (e) City officials or law enforcement personnel shall photograph the site prior to the removal of property and provide a general description of items disposed of due to their lack of apparent utility or unsanitary condition.
 - (f) Weapons, drug paraphernalia and items that appear to be either stolen or evidence of a crime shall be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement officials.
- (2) Following the removal of homeless individuals from a campsite on public property, the law enforcement officials, local agency officials and outreach workers may meet to assess the notice and removal policy, to discuss whether removals are occurring in a humane and just manner and to determine if any changes are needed in the policy.
- (3) The 24 hour notice under subsection (1)(c) of this section shall not apply:
 - (a) When there are grounds for law enforcement officials to believe that illegal activities other than camping are occurring.
 - (b) In the event of an exceptional emergency such as possible site contamination by hazardous materials or when there is immediate danger to human life or safety.
- (4) Sleeping or sleeping in a vehicle on public property in a manner that establishes a camping area or that results in personal property or trash being stored on public property shall be considered an established camfor the purposes of this Section.

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- (a) Vehicles used for camping on public property shall be impounded according to Wilsonville Code Sections 5.400 – 5.460. The contents of impounded vehicles will be inventoried according to Wilsonville Code Section 5.425.
- (b) Sleeping in a vehicle on a public right-of-way shall still be governed by Wilsonville Code Section 5.210(12).
- (c) Illegal parking, stopping or standing of vehicles are governed by Wilsonville Code Sections 5.200 et seq.
- (5) A person authorized to issue a citation for unlawful camping under state law, administrative rule or city or county ordinance may not issue the citation if the citation would be issued within 200 feet of the notice described in this section and within two hours before or after the notice was posted.

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