

M E M O R A N D U M

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Subject: City of Bend Admin rule 21-001 Campsite Assessment

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Due to ongoing complaints from community members regarding activity reported to be impactful to the overall community health, safety, and livability in the area of NE 2nd St from Franklin north to NE Greenwood Ave, including Greeley, Hawthorne, and Irving Streets from 1st to 3rd St. an assessment was conducted under the specifics set forth in City of Bend Administrative Rule 2021-001 Management and Removal of Established Campsites in City Rights-of-ways.

The attached addendum is the assessment matrix aligned with the identified measurable impact areas in the administrative rule. The Bend Police Department conducted the assessment and review.

As of February 9, 2022 there were an identifiable 25 structures erected in the rights-of-ways in the identified geographic area. Many of these structures clearly block access to public rights-of-ways, including sidewalks, and sometimes encroach on public streets used for vehicle traffic. Many of these structures have been reported to clearly block the 15' clear view on the corners, causing potential traffic safety impact to the motoring public. The City has made a concerted effort to work with people utilizing some of the campsites to try and have these campsites that were blocking 15' clear view in move on their own. Some have moved, and City workers or contractors moved some others. Since that time, some campsites have popped back up in the 15' clear view areas as well as the 10' driveway clear view areas.

The geographic area that is being assessed began seeing a large influx in campsite growth beginning in October of 2021. A review of police calls for service for the last 90 days, Nov. 9, 2021 through Feb. 9, 2022, showed that there had been over 258 calls for service in the assessed area. This high amount of public safety services is not typical for other similarly measured geographic areas within the City of Bend.

There are 18 areas of measurement and assessment identified in the Administrative rule 2021-001 to determine if a campsite is "an unsafe campsite". These assessment measurements are valued 1 through 5 (low to

high). Of the 18 measurements on this campsite assessment, 13 of those measurements are valued as a 5 (highest community safety concern). Based on the assessment of the area, this geographic area meets the conditions identified in City of Bend Admin Rule 2021-001 as an unsafe campsite.

Bend ADM 2021-001 : Bend Unsafe Campsite Assessment Campsite								NE 2nd St from Franklin north to NE Greenwood Ave including Greeley, Hawthorne and Irving Sts from 1st to 3rd St. (Calls for service and reports generated included 400 to 900 NE 2nd St, Campfire Motel, Seven Eleven (3rd/ Franklin) and the Bottle Drop with calls directly linked to the homeless camp.
Criteria		0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Camp structures encroaching on travel lanes.						5	5
Concerns for safety of campers and other roadway users from passing vehicles: Assesment of the area identified have various structures and items frequently encroaching on roadway travel lanes and potentially causing traffic and pedestrian safety issues. This is cyclical, dependent upon clean up efforts.								
2	Increasing amounts of trash and debris in right-of-way.						5	5
Whether trash and debris are spreading to nearby property other than the right-of-way. Whether attempts and trash management have been successful. Since January 10th, 2022, the City of Bend has picked up 20,180 lbs which resulted in 80 yards of debris hauled away and there is currently more pending removal. Multiple syringes and human feces litter the area. Ongoing trash remediation efforts have not reduced the impact of ongoing trash debris to the livability of the neighborhood. Much of the debris clean ups have included cleaning up large amounts of used syringes, human feces and urine.								
3	Amount and seriousness of violence and/or crime reported and observed by Bend Police.						5	5
49 criminal related reports taken which include bias crime, Assault II, reckless burning, multiple trespass issues, disorderly conduct, theft and criminal mischief. These reports have been reviewed and are specific to mention or have some correlation to homelessness in the area. Total number of calls for service in the identified area for Bend Police are 258 for a 90 day period from November 9, 2021 through February 9, 2022.								
4	Environmental Impact						5	5
Including public urination and defecation,manner of disposal of human waste, and open burning. Multiple reports of open or reckless burning over the last 90 days. These include fires started and left burning in the middle of the travel lanes of the roadway. Observations of syringes on ground in the area, human feces and urination reported and observed on the ground. Reports by area business owners that their utility vaults are being used as toilets, blocking access by their staff to access necessary utilities. Observed multiple areas of rotting items, food, wet clothing and misc. debris. Piles of garbage and debris blocking rights-of-ways access. Large piles of garbage and debris being piled in area that are not owned by anyone.								
5	Interactions and Altercations with others in the area						5	5
In additional to the 258 calls for service of police services in the area, there have been multiple reports by business owners and employees in this direct area of aggressive threats and altercations between homeless individuals in the campsites and in the area making threats to customers and employees. Business owners have reported that this is causing anxiety and fear for their employees and some customers have said they will not come to the area out of fear.								
6	Calls for Service						5	5
Number and severity of calls for service received by Bend PD, Transportation and Mobility, and other City Departments. The area measured has accounted for over 258 calls for service over the last 90 days from Nov. 9, 2021 through Feb. 9, 2022. These calls are combined 911 calls, non-emergency calls, and self initiated calls. This number of direct service needs for an area this small is a significant impact on the demands for public safety needs and not aligned with similar geographic areas in the City of Bend. (anecdotal measurement)								
7	Whether campsites are located in rights-of-ways near sensitive areas.				3			3
Senstive areas include in rights-of-ways near or used to access nearby school, daycare, play ground, or other property providing service to children; whether campers in the right-of-way threaten or pose a danger to children. There are no child facilities in the immedate area. There are two residential homes located witin 100 feet who have been impacted by the activity of the campsites. There have been numerous incidents and ongoing blockages of sidewalks in the impacted area. They have been at times and intermittent 100% blocked not allowing access on sidewalks for full community use. Additioanally, ongoing blockages of clear view issues at all intersections and driveways have required City intervention several times, however issues are ongoing.								
8	Construction or erected unpermitted structures in the right-of-way without a permit.						5	5
Constructin without a permit in violation of BC 3.40.005; and the danger posed by the structures. There are over 25 identified individual structures erected in the identified area in public rights-of-ways. None of these structures have necessary required permits for construction of structures in the rights-of-ways. Many of these structures are blocking public access to sidewalks and necessary pedestrian, bicycle, other users and community members with ADA needs may be unable to access these public rights-of-ways.								
9	Violation of BC 5.30.005 Fire Regulation				3			3
There are reported incidents from community of fires used for warming or cooking in unsafe areas, including in the middle of the roadways over the measured time. There has been at least 1 incident of criminal citation for reckless burning. The area is open and does not have residential structures in high risk of fire danger, however, fire danger could be problematic to the two residential strucures close by and the multiple business areas, especially in light of the dry conditions over the winter.								

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Chief Krantz,

Using the same parameters, I conducted a supplemental check for calls for service from February 9th to February 14th at 0930 hrs. I was able to locate 14 calls for service which ranged from trespass, mental health, theft, suspicious and disputes. I noted 2 arrests were made, one for disorderly conduct and the other for Theft. One call where an arrest was not made involved multiple subjects and the reported use of mace. Patrol Officers were unable to identify a suspect due to most subjects remaining in their tents and not cooperating. All of these calls had a nexus to the homeless camp on NE 2nd St.

Capt. B. Kindel

