



UNSANCTIONED CAMPING CODE PROJECT PLAN

JULY 20, 2022



Council Direction from June 15 Work Session

What are the policy questions?

What is the policy development process?

What is the community education, outreach, and input plan?

Decision tonight: Confirm process and timeline

COUNCIL DIRECTION FROM JUNE 15 MEETING



Consider option for City Manager-appointed Working Group

Include diverse perspectives in Working Group

Focus on objectively reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions

Provide community education, outreach, and input opportunities

Council consideration of community feedback before adoption



General rule: Can't cite a person for sleeping in public when no shelter beds are available for that person.

One option is to prohibit camping throughout the City, with no enforcement against people who do not have access to a shelter bed, or in times of extreme weather, etc.

Can then regulate time, place, and manner of camping in public (with or without general ban, during non-enforcement):

1. **When** to limit camping?
2. **Where** to prohibit camping?
3. **How** may camping occur?

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER QUESTIONS



1. **When** to limit camping? Limitations to consider:

- Allow only at nighttime hours? (Daytime camping allowed only for certain people, those who work at night, etc.)
- Or allow camps to remain during day if they comply with "how" regulations?
- Not require camp to move every morning, but have length of stay limit?
- Raises enforcement questions about resources, staff time, to enforce morning "clean up" hours



2. **Where** to prohibit camping? Limitations to consider:

- Identify certain areas camping is never allowed, regardless of time or manner
 - Specific zones
 - Near certain uses (shelters, schools, etc.)
 - City-owned parking lots
 - City-owned property not open to the public (water infrastructure, etc.)?



3. **How** can camping occur? Limitations to consider:

- Types of structures
- Size of camp (both extent of property and number of tents in one location)
- Storage of items
- No dumping gray water (wastewater), sewage
- Warming/cooking in compliance with Bend Fire & Rescue guidelines (no open fires)
- Encampments maintained in reasonably tidy, safe manner, free of litter, debris, waste, etc.



- Regulation of vehicle camping (same or different from tent camping)?
- Definitions of established campsite (leading to methods of enforcement and notice required prior to removal)?
- Defining what City property is open to the public?

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH OPTIONS: THINGS TO NOTE



A webpage has been developed for this project to provide information and regular updates on bendoregon.gov/houselessness.

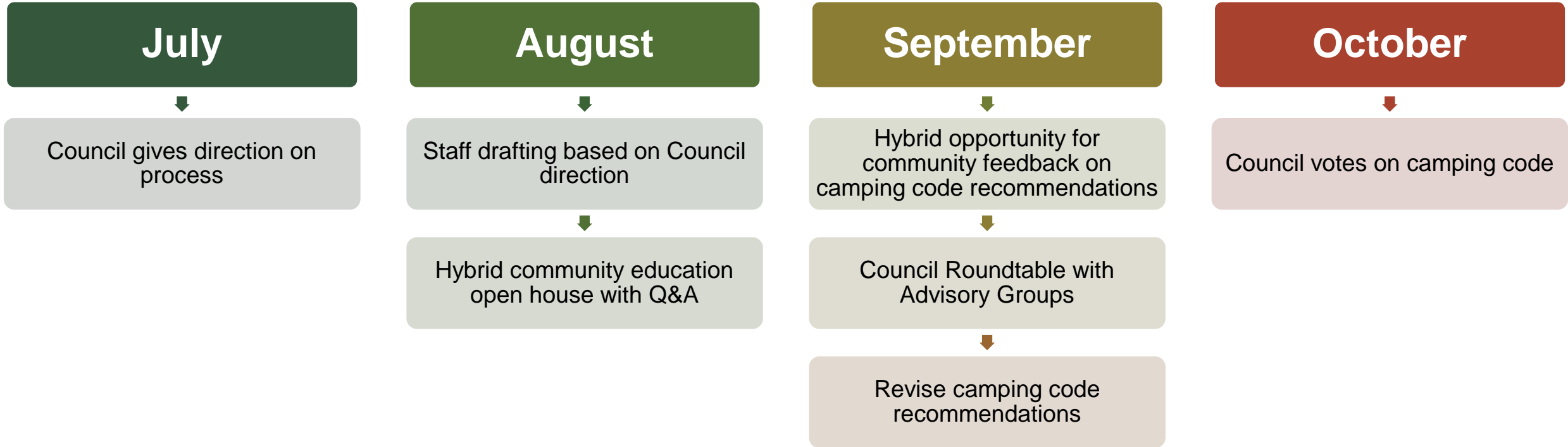
Both Education and Outreach Plan options include regular updates via City communications (Bend Current e-newsletter, podcast, social media, website, etc.).

In either option, staff available to talk to community groups, time permitting.

All the options assume best-case scenarios. Timelines could shift based on project needs.

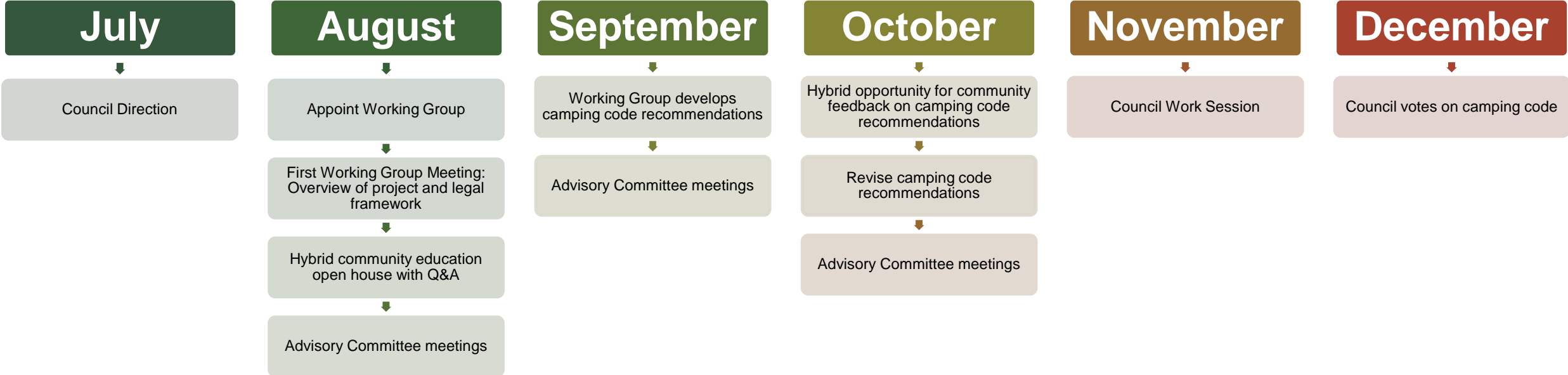


OPTION 1: COUNCIL DIRECTED



**Completes the process by end of October.
Does not include Working Group; community
input provided directly to Council**

OPTION 2: WORKING GROUP



Completes the process by end of December; schedule often stretches with working groups. Includes Working Group.

WORKING GROUP OR ROUNDTABLE REPRESENTATION



**City Advisory
Groups**

**Community &
Business
Groups**

**People Who
Have
Experienced
Houselessness**

**Service
Providers**

**Other Public
Agencies**

Do any changes need to be made to this list?



Which option for the Public Education and Outreach Plan should staff move forward with?

- Option 1: Council direction to staff, then public outreach, and recommendation to Council
 - Could include targeted focus groups, Council roundtable meeting
- Option 2: Work group collaborates with staff on code, then public outreach and Council input, and recommendation to Council

Who on Council is staff contact to manage timeframe, other project guidance?