



CITY OF BEND

Draft Camping Code

City Attorney's Office

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Draft Bend Municipal Code 3.110

Use of Public Rights-of-Way and City Property for Camping

3.110.005 Definitions

3.110.010 Camping Prohibited

3.110.015 Enforcement

3.110.020 Time, Place, and Manner Regulations

3.110.025 Vehicles

3.110.030 Violations



Definitions

- Defines terms such as “camp,” “camping,” “camp materials,” “public rights-of-way and City property”
- Also defines when shelter is available for purposes of enforcement by citation
 - To determine whether shelter is available for a particular person, the shelter’s rules and the person’s needs and status are considered

Camping prohibited

- Section 3.110.010 prohibits camping on public rights-of-way and property owned or controlled by the City
- Does not regulate presence, does not categorically prohibit using public places to rest

Enforcement

- No enforcement of Section of 3.110.010 by citation where a person does not have shelter available
- Enforcement personnel will conduct individualized assessment to determine whether a citation can/should be issued
- Enforcement should be tailored for various circumstances, including but not limited to situations where a person has a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, where minor children are present or otherwise involved, where a person has employment obligations that may relate to their ability to comply with the code, or for other reasons that may support discretion in enforcement.



Time, Place, and Manner Regulations

- Regulations establish where, when, and how someone who does not have shelter available may use public rights-of-way and City property to camp
- No camping in any area zoned Residential by the Bend Development Code
- Where it is allowed, camping can only occur during overnight hours
- Sanitation standards to manage garbage, debris, other public health risks



Vehicles

- Draft code relies in part on current parking regulations, which describe where and for how long vehicles may be parked on public rights-of-way, but do not prohibit people from using their vehicles for shelter or sleeping
- Regulations establish how people can use vehicles for shelter or sleeping while managing impacts that sometimes occur
 - Vehicles must be legally parked (i.e., where and for how long)
 - Vehicles must be operational
 - Sanitation standards (wastewater, garbage, etc.)
 - Supplemental structures



Violations

- Citations would be classified as Class C civil infractions, the lowest tier infraction under City code
- Primary enforcement mechanism could likely be removal of camp, consistent with state law and City policy
 - Posted notice 72 hours in advance for established campsites
 - Storage of personal property not removed by the individual

Roundtable Meeting Description

- New community engagement option created in Council Rules (May 2022)
- Designed to give Council a forum to candidly discuss matters of community interest
- Discuss and debate only, no formal action or vote taken
- Outcomes could include referral to City Board, Committee or Commission for further refinement, action or direction
- Format of meeting set by Mayor or majority of Council at a prior public meeting



Community Stakeholders

ROUNDTABLE A

Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Council Advisory Bodies

- Human Rights and Equity Commission
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Affordable Housing Advisory Council
- Bend Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Neighborhood Leadership Alliance
- Environment and Climate Committee

ROUNDTABLE B

Thursday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Community Members Experiencing Houselessness & Service Providers
- Community and Business Groups
- Public Agencies



Questions?

Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities



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