



Critical Infrastructure and Parkway Ordinances: Prohibiting Camping in Certain Locations on Public Property

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Overview

August 10, 2022

- Introduce Critical Infrastructure Ordinance
 - Introduce Parkway Ordinance
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August 23, 2022

- Adopt Critical Infrastructure Ordinance
 - Adopt Parkway Ordinance
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September 23, 2022

- Ordinance(s) Effective *

** Staff will come back with Resolution designating Critical Infrastructure within 30-60 days*

Parkway Ordinance

- ✓ (9.36.083) Prohibition on camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camping facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director.
- ✓ (9.36.083 (B)) Prohibition on modifying the parklands (e.g. dirt, landscaping) or accumulating furniture, household goods, or other items in order to create a structure.
- ✓ (9.36.058(D)) Bans the use or maintenance of a container with flammable or combustible liquid or a generator, except when issued a permit by the Regional Parks Director.
- ✓ (9.36.067) Prohibition on being in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway between the first hour after sunset and sunrise or such other time as is posted by the Director.
 - This prohibition does not apply to the following: on-duty Peace Officer, emergency/first responder or County employees; any County-sponsored functions or programs; any person who has received a permit or other written authorization from the Director for use of the Parkway after closing hours; or commuters using the trail to commute to or from their place of origin and destination outside of either Parkway.

Critical Infrastructure Ordinance

Ordinance would limit camping in four areas:

Critical Infrastructure

- Within 25 feet
- Requires identification of specific sites by resolution

Wildfire/Flood Risk Areas

- Within 30 feet
- During severe weather events

Shelter Perimeters

- Up to 1,000 feet

Youth-Serving Facilities

- Within 25 feet
- Schools & libraries

Outreach and Engagement

Current Approach

Response Oriented	Encampment Services Team
Addressing safety, community concerns	Targeted encampments with high needs
Crisis response, non case carrying	Time intensive, case carrying
Behavioral health referrals	Behavioral health assessment/linkages
Service and shelter referrals	Dedicated shelter & housing navigation
Social worker or navigator	Multi-disciplinary team including behavioral health

Camps can move between approaches as needs change and resources increase

7 Principles for Addressing Encampments

- 1: Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response
- 2: Engage Encampment Residents to Develop Solutions
- 3: Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach
- 4: Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage
- 5: Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options
- 6: Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Supports
- 7: Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure



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Outreach & Engagement – Next Steps

- ✓ Build out strategies along the entire continuum – prevention, outreach, shelter and housing – aligning with recently adopted Local Homelessness Action Plan (LHAP)
- ✓ Continue to expand and diversify sheltering and housing options to facilitate voluntary movement from encampments
- ✓ Continue to expand multi-disciplinary teams to address varying needs of people living unsheltered, including those working in partnership with cities
- ✓ Develop transparent prioritization criteria for response teams and for Encampment Service Teams
- ✓ Regularly collect and report on efforts and outcomes of outreach efforts