

Provo City Police Department

Staff Memorandum

Camping Ordinance

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<p>Department Head Name Phone</p> <p>Presenter Ofc. T. Nisonger 801-852-7303</p> <p>Required Time for Presentation 30 min</p> <p>Is This Time Sensitive Yes</p> <p>Case File # (if applicable) XX-XXX</p>	<p>Purpose of Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camping on Public Property Ordinance <p>Action Requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptation of Code into existing Provo City Code <p>Relevant City Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <p>Budget Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None <p>Description of this item (at least 2 paragraphs)</p> <p>This is to help Council Members to have a clear understanding of what your item is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reason for Proposed Ordinance:•• Within the last year 2015-2016 there has been a noticeable and documented increase in the number of calls for service/citizen complaints concerning individuals “camping” on public property. Specific nuisance areas include downtown Center Street, 350 N Freedom Blvd (Smith’s Grocery), 400 E 600 S, bird refuge, and East Bay Golf Course ect.•• Specific examples include persons occupying city property between curb and sidewalk for extended periods of time, generating complaints and effecting businesses. These individuals “camping” are leaving trash,
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panhandling, trespassing on Provo Power Property and spurring complaints from local residents. Other examples are issues in the Dixon, Franklin and Spring Creek neighborhoods that include persons living in RV's, camp trailers and personal vehicles which are legally parked on city streets.

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- Existing Provo City and Utah State Criminal Code cannot deter this activity. Therefore this new Provo City Ordinance is presented for your consideration and includes:

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- 1. Definition of camping, campsite, parking strip, public property and personal property

- 2. Sleeping on Public Property Without Authorization

- 3. Camping on City Public Property Without Authorization

- 4. Removal of Unlawful Campsite

- 5. Removal, Disposition on Release of Personal Property

- 6. Enforcement and Mitigation

- 7. Application to City Property

Outside of City Limits

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- Adaptation and enforcement of this ordinance will allow the Provo Police Officer to cite individuals who are in violation and remove the campsites in a timely matter. The ultimate goal being a REDUCTION in citizen complaints and negative effects on local businesses.

