



Prohibited Camping Ordinance Information Sheet – April 2, 2021

WHAT: The Prohibited Camping Ordinance provides clear time, place, and manner regulations regarding sleeping or camping outside.

WHY: To address changing case law and address public safety concerns and equitable use of public property, including along the Bear Creek Greenway.

ORDINANCE SPECIFICS:

Lying/sleeping and camping are prohibited (subsection (5) in the following places:

- Along Greenways and Prescott Park during fire season
- On playgrounds or sports fields during hours of closure
- Underneath bridges
- Near railroad tracks
- Publicly-owned property not open to the public.
- On streets
- Obstructing sidewalks or entryways to private property

Structure camping implications (Subsection 4):

- Structure camping on private property is not restricted by this ordinance
- Structure camping on public property prohibited unless exception applies
- Exception for severe weather events and organized-and-approved operations
- Exception for City policy designating locations and circumstances

24-Hour Rule (Subsection 3):

- Bedding materials laid out on sidewalks, parks, etc. must be packed up within 24 hours.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The City's implementation of the prohibited camping ordinance will continue to emphasize outreach and connection of houseless individuals to resources, with enforcement tools available when needed and appropriate.

- The City's Livability Team is hosting a ***Hawthorne Park Resource Fair*** on April 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The purpose of this fair is to connect interested individuals to social services. Vaccinations will be available for unhoused individuals and administered by La Clinica at this event.