



AGENDA

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Category: Consent – Housing Services (All CPOs)

Agenda Title: ADOPT RESOLUTION AND ORDER ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY AND ADOPTING CRITERIA FOR CERTIFYING PROPOSED VEHICLE CAMPING SITES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS AS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 201-2.36 A. OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE

Presented by: Komi P. Kalevor, Director of Housing Servicew

SUMMARY:

Safe Parking Programs provide a safe, legal place for people experiencing homelessness and living out of their vehicles to park while they stabilize their lives and gain better access to services. The program will provide public and nonprofit agencies seeking to provide safe and sanitary parking spaces with onsite portable restrooms, storage and garbage removal.

The Resolution and Order will provide a process to certify compliance of property owners seeking to qualify use of their property as an exempt use under the Community Development Code for the purpose of allowing vehicle camping sites where homeless persons can temporarily live in vehicles subject to participation in a program designed to transition them to stable housing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Community Feedback (Known Support/Opposition): After its Aug. 5, 2020 public hearing, the Planning Commission voted 3 - 2 to recommend the Board approve Ordinance No. 867 as filed. Adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled to go before the Board on September 1.

Legal History/Prior Board Action: Board Work Session briefing on Ordinance No. 867 on June 23.

Budget Impacts: None known at this time.

Attachment: Resolution and Order

DEPARTMENT’S REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the attached Resolution and Order assigning responsibility and adopting criteria for certifying proposed vehicle camping sites for homeless persons.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the requested action.

RO 20-110

Agenda Item No.	<u>2.d.</u>
Date:	09/15/20

1 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

3 In the Matter of Assigning Responsibility) RESOLUTION AND ORDER
and Adopting Criteria for Certifying)
4 Proposed Vehicle Camping Sites for) No. 20-110
Homeless Persons As Allowed Under)
5 Section 201-2.36 A. of the Washington)
County Community Development Code)

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7 This matter having come before the Washington County Board of County Commissioners
8 at its regular meeting on September 15, 2020; and

9 It appearing to the Board that it is imperative and necessary to provide additional
10 resources and opportunities in response to the ongoing homelessness crisis that is impacting
11 communities across the nation, including Washington County; and

12 It appearing to the Board that Washington County has recently adopted revisions to the
13 Washington County Community Development Code allowing certain non-residential property
14 owners to provide vehicle camping sites for homeless persons temporarily residing in their
15 vehicles as an exempt use provided they meet certain requirements specified in the Community
16 Development Code; and

17 It appearing to the Board that the newly adopted Community Development Code
18 provisions (ref. CDC Section 201-2.36 A.) require “written certification from a city, the County or
19 other authorized public agency that, at the time of certification, the property owner and site are
20 in compliance with program requirements adopted by the city, the County or other public
21 agency, designed to aid in transition to stable housing;” and

It appearing to the Board that it is necessary and appropriate for the Board to assign

1 responsibility for issuance of the certification and to adopt specific criteria that must be met to
2 allow for the issuance of the required certification; now therefore, it is hereby

3 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Director of the Department of Housing Services, or
4 their designee, shall be responsible for issuing the required written certifications of compliance
5 for property owners seeking to qualify use of their property as an exempt use under the
6 Community Development Code for the purpose of allowing vehicle camping sites for homeless
7 persons; and it is further

8 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a property owner must demonstrate compliance with
9 these criteria prior to the issuance of any written certification required under the Community
10 Development Code for purposes of qualifying a property's use as a vehicle camp site for homeless
11 persons:

- 12 1. The property owner must provide proof confirming that all homeless persons residing
13 on the property are enrolled in and receiving case management services from
14 Washington County, a city, or another authorized public agency or nonprofit
15 organization, dedicated to facilitating their transition to stable housing; and
- 16 2. The property owner must agree to allow representatives of the Washington County
17 Department of Housing Services to enter upon the property at all reasonable times for
18 the purpose of confirming enrollment of homeless persons residing on the property in
19 case management services dedicated to facilitating their transition to stable housing;
20 and
- 21 3. The property owner shall confirm that the property owner, at all times, will furnish

1 sanitary facilities including toilet facilities, hand washing facilities, and trash disposal
2 facilities on the property for the use of homeless persons engaged in vehicle camping
3 on the property; and

4 4. The property owner shall confirm that they have provided a storage container on the
5 property for the purpose of providing homeless persons camping in their vehicles on
6 the property a place to store personal items to prevent them from being visible from
7 any public right of way or adjacent property boundaries; and

8 5. The property owner shall represent and agree that no rent or fees will be charged to
9 any homeless persons utilizing the property as a vehicle campsite; and it is further

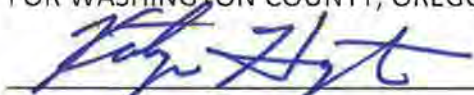
10 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that should any property owner, at any time, fail to comply with
11 the criteria adopted herein, the Director of the Department of Housing Services, or their
12 designee, shall immediately issue a written revocation of any certification issued hereunder and
13 shall notify the Department of Land Use & Transportation of the property owner's
14 noncompliance with these criteria; and it is further

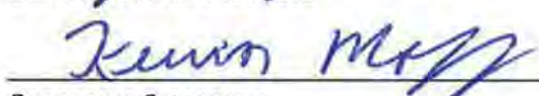
15 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Washington County Administrator shall take all steps
16 necessary to implement this Resolution and Order.

17 DATED this 15th day of September, 2020.

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18 HARRINGTON	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
19 SCHOUTEN	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
20 TREECE	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
ROGERS	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
21 WILLEY	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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