

City Council's "More Cops, Less Care" Program

(Proposals passed by City Council on 2-25, 3-9 proposed additions *in italics*)

- ++ Exclusion of survival camping from Moore Creek, Arana Gulch, Moore Creek, & DeLaveaga Park
- ++ Extending exclusion to sidewalks near state Parks, on Swanton Blvd., & in Beach Flats & Beach Hill
- ++ Destroys current unhoused mutual support communities and prevents future ones.
- ++ Criminalizes survival camping for hundreds outside where they currently camp
- ++ Recites the various false excuses for eviction made to Judge Van Keulen which she rejected.
- ++ Ignores the latest federal court decision rejecting the "no day camping" laws in Sausalito and protecting the Dunphy Park encampment there (Case 21-cv-01143-EMC: Sausalito/Marin County Chapter of the California Homeless Union et. Al v. City of Sausalito et. Al) as well as the San Lorenzo Park case
- ++ Reestablishes penalty for disobeying "don't sleep here" instructions as misdemeanor jailing crime.
- ++ Penalizes houseless individuals with infraction citations, misdemeanor charges, seizing of personal belongings, arrest, and forced removal. (MC 6.36.070(a))
- ++ Daytime camping ban retains old 6.36.010c criminalizing intent to remain overnight
- ++ Warning required before citation doesn't require that the unhoused person be guaranteed access and/or transportation to either a shelter bed or a safe sleeping spot. (MC 6.36.070(a))
- ++ Written "assistance" literature does not require cops to call shelters to see if space available.
- ++ Prohibits daytime survival camping on any public property (MC 6.36.040(f))
- ++ This ban actually a "daytime public resting ban" for those having their property with them.
- ++ Adds restrictions for consensual private property camping including "public or private nuisance or other matters offensive to persons of ordinary sensibility". (MC 6.36.030(b))
- ++ Grants the City Manager [CM] powers to prohibit survival sleeping during all hours wherever they see fit, including all parks with unspecified "open spaces" exceptions (MC 6.36.050(c)) .
- ++ Requires sleeping spots be cleared of both debris and personal belongings daily (MC 6.36.060(f))
- ++ Limits space to 12' X 12' per person unless majority have a Qualified Disability (MC 6.36.060(g))
- ++ Treats those surviving outside as dangerous and undesirable to be excluded from most public spaces. ++ Deceptively reassures "no enforcement before resources" but focus is overwhelmingly on penalties.
- ++ Suggest major crime problem, with no evidence, ignoring closed restrooms, no trash pick-ups, etc.
- ++ Bans electrical taps (MC 6.36.060(c)) And fires, except in city-authorized pits.
- ++ Unspecified timeline for completion of a safe sleeping program means no such spots or services will likely be available for the majority of those outside. . (2-25 motion)
- ++ No funding or resources are allotted for services of any kind though staff is directed to ensure a "balanced approach" and report back in 9 months. (2-25 motion)
- ++ Missing are updates on the "navigation center" program, the "housing first" model, the City/County 2X2 Committee, the "stepped sheltering/housing approach" from the Continuum of Care. (2-25 motion)
- ++ Does NOT provide additional sanitation of waste management services, health, or mental healthcare services moving services, housing alternatives or other social service.
- ++ Removes campers, RVs and cars from the prior ban, but suggested restrictions and prohibitions are likely to appear in the future. 5 Vehicles per church lot allowed, but no waiver of insurance, registration.
- ++ Lets CM okay camps in closed areas of open spaces with daytime access denied with no specifics.
- ++ Requires C.M. to provide overnight safe sleeping spaces for 150 people in parking lots or elsewhere from 8 pm to 7 am but no deadline set as to when they will function (MC 6.36.050(d))
- ++ "Solutions" are tickets out of town (Homeward Bound), transitional housing, case workers "help" for housing & jobs, more talk with County bureaucrats, more staff reports in a month or two. (2-25 motion)

At the 3-9 meeting, City Council ignored most public input (both positive and negative). They passed the ordinance 6-1.
A second round of even more restrictive amendments will return in the next few meetings.