

Downtown Public Health and Safety motion - as related to persons experiencing homelessness

Dec. 7th, 2021 Council meeting

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City staff are directed to prepare an ordinance(s), for the Jan 4th Council meeting. Once the ordinance is passed, staff will report progress monthly.

- I. Secure parking lots for Homestead Act vehicles (people sleeping in cars).
 - A. The city will designate City-owned parking lots for Homestead Act vehicles.*
 - B. The City will encourage private owners to volunteer parking lots for Homestead Act vehicles and provide support.*
 - C. Conditions for Secure parking lots for Homestead Act vehicles:
 - 1. A secure perimeter fence is desirable though not required.*
 - 2. Video camera is highly desirable*
 - 3. Port-a-potties will be made available and checked periodically by Clean City staff.*
 - 4. Persons threatening others, committing illegal acts, creating noise/profanity problems, creating health risk, or spreading trash, will be excluded by no-trespass orders (private) or no-contact orders (public).*
 - 5. Other requirements of RCWs***
- II. Yakima police officers will ask persons experiencing homelessness whether they would use
 - A. A shelter space with a lockable door*
 - B. A secure parking lot if they are sleeping in their own vehicles**
- III. The City of Yakima will designate “no sit/no lie” Shelter Protection Area around downtown shelters.*
- IV. The Yakima City Planning Department will initiate a rezone of all City and County owned land in the Pacific Ave Jail complex to a zoning category which will allow low-barrier shelter(s).*