

COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AS A DOWNTOWN SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, I HAVE
WATCHED + TRACKED THE TRAFFIC COUNT OF PEOPLE CROSSING
THE THRESHOLD OF MY STORE, IN THE LAST YEAR, MY
EXISTING CLIENTS REPORT THAT THEY FEEL INCREASINGLY
ANXIOUS / FEARFUL ^{WHEN} ~~AT THE~~ DOWNTOWN. I ENCOURAGE
THIS ORDINANCE ON BEHALF OF SMALL BUSINESSES
WHO INVEST LIMITED RESOURCES BY ADVERTISING
TO "INVITE PEOPLE" DOWNTOWN; ONLY TO BE MET WITH

AN INTIMIDATING AND SEEMINGLY HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT
(REAL OR IMAGINED, DOES NOT MATTER, BUT AFFECTS
OVERALL SUCCESS OF BUSINESS NONETHELESS)

* AS A RESULT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY
TWENTY YEARS - I MAY NOT RENEW MY LEASE.

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I work with property owners in the Downtown Core. I feel the city needs to decide if they want to have downtown revitalized or allow it to turn into a homeless camp. Property owners and business owners are putting money into our downtown and it isn't right to have people sleeping in doorway, having to clean up urine & worse. I have had to have people move from in front of doorways to show properties & have human waste removed. I've also been downtown with my Granddaughters & had to walk over people sleeping in the middle of the sidewalk. I don't think

That is what we want for our downtown.

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There are currently not enough ^{present + adequate} services, toilets, shelter or storage available. Until there are, the proposed ordinance

is wrong. Additionally, some people need to sleep during the day, to feel safe (like women or other particularly vulnerable people.)

If/when we are able to provide secure, dignified housing + other service to our houseless residents,

this ordinance will not be needed. Until then, we need to live with the situation as is. ~~It~~ I also

object to the term used over, over again — "unsightly" temporary structures. — that is a value judgement (over)

that should not be made.

STOP this effort to pass this immoral,
inequitable, biased ordinance. I am ashamed
that Salem is even considering it.

Margaret Stephens
Ward 1

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If enacted, will the constant harassment of
the wheelchair stop?

Has the city considered providing some kind of
educational for the public so that they

can understand that confrontation and anger

are not the ways to make contact they wouldn't
treat the horse in this manner

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1. There aren't enough places for the unsheltered to go during the daytime. All available places are full to the max

2. If a person is excluded from the city, but needs to come into the city for services, jobs, DHS appointments, they have to apply for a waiver in writing. Does

the city understand all the barriers that make this difficult. How do you keep a waiver intact and. Some things might be functionally obsolete

3. If enacted, could the ban hours be changed to 8am to 6pm? The parks close between dusk and dawn:

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° Through you say that this ordinance is not punitive, it is clear that it gives you the power to harass the homeless. After warnings, you are given the power to physically remove these people from the boundaries of the city of Salem. THIS IS HARASSMENT! Secondly, you actually DO have the power to jail people who violate your ordinance. This is WRONG!!

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• Limit it again because law to deny a citizen a place to sit or lie?

• Though the ordinance is supposed to apply to all citizens why is the homeless community the targeted group? I would be that if I sat down where no one would bother me because of my physical appearance. This ordinance is prejudiced by its very nature!

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° The format of this forum is designed to mute our
voice.



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I AM A HOMELESS MAN IN SALEM OREGON. I UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR SOME OF THE THINGS BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT TOO FOR INSTANT THE HOMELESS ARE FORCED TO STAY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO GET NEEDS THAT ARE OFFERED. SO WHAT AREN'T THEY SPREADING ACROSS THE TOWN. THERE SHOULD BE A SPOT FOR THE HOMELESS LIKE WIDE FOR A "HOT SPOT" DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THAT WAS CLOSED OFF AT LEAST THE "HOT SPOTS" WERE OUT OF THE WAY. NOW IT'S JUST AN EMPTY SPACE AGAIN AND IT FEELS AS IF WE ALL HAVE TO STAY DOWNTOWN AREA BUT INSTEAD WE HAVE COURT AT AINSWILLE HWY AND CAN'T GET THERE SO WE GET FTA'S THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF SPOT FOR COURT DATES. SOME PEOPLE WOULDN'T EVEN BE IN SALEM IF THEY COULD MAKE COURT NEARBY. PLUS THE HOMELESS AUTHORITIES NEED TO CHANGE THE SCALE ON GETTING HOMELESS HELP. FEB. 2018 I SIGNED UP AND TALKED ABOUT GETTING ASSISTANCE 1YR AND 7mos AGO I SIGNED UP AND DID DIE A LITTLE NOT ALOT BUT SINCE I DID GET UP OR HAVE A CRAZY DRUG PROBLEM I DON'T MEET THE NEEDS OF NEEDING HELP. ~~SO~~ AND OTHERS HAVE GOTTEN HOMELESS

the system within which I was raised. They were love, trust, and
a lot of control. So since then I have turned into one person.
I WAS PUSHED INTO A LIFE STYLE THAT WASN'T ME. AND NOW HAVING
A PLACE TO SLEEP IT WAS EASIER TO DO DRUGS AND STAY UP. WHICH
IN TURN GAINED ME MORE IT EVEN HARDER TO GET BACK ON A LIFE.
PEOPLE JUST SEE ME AS A HOMELESS MAN AND THEY JUDGE ME AT FIRST
LOOK AND "LIKE TURN THEM BACK TO ME" SO I TALK AS MY TALK,
I HEAR OTHER PEOPLES CRAP. AND TRY TO HELP OTHERS IN THOSE
SITUATIONS HOPE FOR HELP FROM OTHERS BUT SINCE I DON'T
WANT TO LOOK LIKE A HOMELESS PERSON I AM CASTER OUT ON BOTH SIDES
SOME DON'T THINK I WOULD HELP OTHERS DON'T WANT TO HELP EVEN
WHEN I TRY MY BEST I AM HERE AT ~~THE~~ THIS MEANING AND I
AND MAYBE TWO OTHER HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE HERE. BUT THE ONE
AT H.P.E. OR AREAS NOW. WILL GET MORE HELP EVEN THOUGH I AM
TRYING AND THEY AREN'T, SO THAT IS WHY THE NUMBER? SOME NEEDS R

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CHANGE. DOWN TO BE TAKEN, THE FOOD STANDS
HANDLING FOOD ASSUMES "SNEAK" LIKE THE MISSING I
BUT KEYS OUT OF THE MISSION BE TAKEN A SHOWER WHEN
THE DOOR TO THE BACK DORM WAS OPEN NOTHING SAID
YOU CAN USE THE RESTROOM BUT NOT SHOWER, THERE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN A SIGN SAYING THAT BUT NOW I CAN'T EVEN
GET THERE, "I SNEAK IN SOMETIMES WHEN I'M REALLY HUNGRY"
CAN EVERYONE NEEDS TO EAT. BUT FREE TAY WRITE UP
SITUATIONS SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED FROM PEOPLE IN NEED.
OR THEY SHOULD BE STOPPED. OUTCASTING PEOPLE WILL NOT FIX
THE PROBLEM IT WILL JUST MAKE IT WORSE. AND FOOD
ARTISTS GIVES OUT CANNON FOR SACK LUNCHES, HOPE DOESN'T
LET PEOPLE IN. TO PEOPLE AND THERE FULL SO YOU ARE LEFT WITH
BREAKING THE LAW JUST TO EAT OR HAVE CLEAN SOCKS.

THERE WOMEN'S DAYS PLACES NO MEN'S DAYS - WOMEN CAN GET
CLOTHES EASY - MEN HAVE TO HUNT ALL OVER THE PLACE. SOME

Guys wear women's clothes I can't do that, just like
Just as girls' coffee shop that is the best name for
A coffee shop "You just lost half your customers" I think
as a guy would not want to walk around or be to work
with my DISGUSTE coffee up saying "Just us girls" on it
That's sound like a MAD TV. 62 - SNL SCRIPT PAX.
Now that I have wrote on two comment sheets, I
GAINA LEAVE. CAS NO ONE WILL ~~PROBABLY~~ PROBABLY EVEN
READ THIS." BUT JUST REMEMBER. BEFORE FEB. 2018
I WORKED SMOKE WOOD, BUT YOU CAN BUY THAT AT ALMOST
ANY STRIP MALL OR CORNER STORE. TO NOW HAVE TO BE SAID
I'VE SHOT-UP D&E - LOST MY SON - I AM SOMEONE I NEVER
WANTED TO BE, CAS HAVING LET D&E FRIENDS GET PLACES - AND USE THEM IN

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Can I sue the city when I trip over one of the homeless sleeping in the parking garage stairwell? They do not move their feet/legs out of the way. I do not use stairs but lots of people do who are not homeless

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EXCEPTIONS (#3)

How will "temporary seating" at sidewalk cafes be enforced? Who defines "temporary"?

EXAMPLE: I had to practically fight for my table outside @ Starbucks on Court St. Homeless kept

circling - Yes Circling - our table & tried to take a chair when one of us left it to go inside to place order.

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Why do citizens walking their dogs downtown
get fined if dog poops on sidewalk with no
clean-up but homeless do it all
the time & our public servants have to
clean it up?

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I do not think giving us three hours or less or even an hour is fair or is destroying our personal and sentimental belongings or our only means of shelter from the elements

some of us pay our own money to purchase belongings it is absolutely unfair

Kay Casey & Dominic Stice

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There needs to be more resources available to fit everybody's needs

Kay Casey & Dominic Stice

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I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

AS THE OWNER OF A DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ESTABLISHED
IN 2002, I HAVE SEEN SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION IN
THE DOWNTOWN CORE DURING THE PAST 3-5 YEARS.

OUR BUSINESS IS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY ^{AN} OVERWHELMING

NUMBER OF VAGRANTS TO THE EXTENT THAT OUR LEASE

MAY NOT BE RENEWED. MY ISSUE IS NOT "HOMELESSNESS."

MY ISSUE IS TRESPASS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND A
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESS REVENUE

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Can't implement this ordinance until people have an alternative place to go w/o being hassled.

Offer up alternative space - Marion Square Park, e.g. w/ portable toilets wait. Can't to help business with the Arches outreach team.

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For Law enforcement: Is or was there an internal investigation regarding the woman that spoke at the 2nd forum who said, "the police came in the middle of the night & used their knives to shred our text," and if so what is the result.

Sharon Ayres

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What provisions are being made to provide
~~a~~ places for the homeless to stay if they
can't lie or sit in Salem city limits?

What provisions exist when current shelters
are full & or closed? How can we provide
for the dignity & respect for our community
homeless persons?

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My downtown business desperately needs an ordinance exactly like this proposal. This, as written, does not criminalize behavior, but actually provides a resource for ~~us~~ us in the small business community. Please, please, please help us and get this passed at Council. we desperately need your help.

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I believe whole heartedly that flooding
our community with resources is the
answer. Trauma informed education is
a huge necessity in Salem. Clogging our
jails and courts is not the answer
or solution.

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YES!!!

The new ordinance would help tremendously to keep homeless off the ~~street~~ sidewalks in front of businesses. There are so many programs to help these people - having Police engage w/ them & direct them to these ~~street~~ services is Key -

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Do the proposed new rules conflict
with the Martin vs Boise ruling?

See question 8 on the F.A.Q.

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Why not provide a public space for
the homeless to set up their tent. Provide
toilet & hand washing, storage space
for the homeless. Locate this space near
public transportation (give bus passes as
needed)

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I'm in support of the proposed ordinance. This seems like the next best step we need to take as a city. Question/concern is with regards to the strain on police resources and what continuing/training officers will receive. If resources are education properly utilized, every dollar we spend upfront will lead to savings on the back end.

If all we end up with are more jailed people, we failed.

Jose Gonzalez

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①

I like the proposed ordinance

②

What we have been doing is NOT working

③

Street people are sick and need help

④

The proposed ordinance will help the Police help the Street people to seek Mental Health, and addiction help/recovery

⑤

We can always modify or repeal the ordinance ~~if~~ if needed.

Thank you! Dirk Moeller
Business Connections
660 High ST NE

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About resources and services there
is not enough that fits everybody
there is nowhere for married couples
they get separated and do not allow
pets

Kay Carey & Dominic Stice

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As a commercial Realtor we have been approached by 3-4 downtown businesses who want to move out of downtown if this problem is not addressed. You must act. No action means that the City is enabling this to continue. It is not a homeless problem - it's an addiction problem. Until we stop/curb that issue - nothing will change.

Curt Arthur

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, As to the problems of possible discrimination that could easily occur with the enforcement of this "sit/lie" ordinance, some police officers are likely to enforce the ordinance more vigorously against those who are homeless and of a different race than themselves. Some might enforce ~~it~~ it more against those homeless individuals whom they ^{know or} believe to be members of the LGBTQ community, and/or those who have psychiatric disabilities.

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I support the ordinance as a downtown building owner and resident of Salem. There are rumors that this encourages behavior that does not. Please adopt this ordinance to support the vitality of our town.
Thanks.

Please pass this ordinance —

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We need to feel safe and not be harassed by
I truly believe that the City need to pass this ordinance.
If Salem hopes to encourage the community to continue
to support local businesses and restaurants the beautiful
city parks, then "we" need to feel safe and protected.
I have lived in Salem for 65 years and have always
taken pride in my city - not so much any longer. We need
to work diligently to recognize the various issues of these
folks and work to provide adequate medical, mental health, and
housing issues.

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I believe this ordinance needs passed -

Citizens should not be forced to frequent downtown

nor should downtown stink because of people smoking;

& defecating on the sidewalks & streets. I am tired of

walking over people & constantly being harassed
for money - EVERY time I go to Kehl's this ~~time~~

happens! Remove the middle man - build ^{like apt's} housing on a

commercial area & supply rooms w/ common areas & med. for
those mentally ill. I can't imagine that the majority of

the mentally ill would choose to live like this. It is their right
mind! I sorry in this day & age people should be
responsible for themselves (not mentally ill) than an ^{or} ~~guy's~~ ^{community,}

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If you feel they not need to be downtown, then find a place for them. The city takes away from the homeless but gives nothing back! Police criminalize them! The city only hurts people with any form of disabilities.

STOP HURTING THEM HELP THEM HELP THEM!

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We can ALL share the sidewalk! It's the behaviors of a few mentally compromised folks that created this stigma that is being applied to the majority of downtown sidewalk users. The majority are respectful!

S. STEVENS

Salem 97301

And then the... I was... I was... I was...
and the... the... the... the...
I would be... I am... I am...
as the... the... the... the...
all the... the... the... the...
falling... and... and... and...
day.

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11-20-2019

~~Michael Walker~~

MICHAEL WALKER

MR. WALKER MICHAEL WALKER 02710
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Name: Kat O'Rourke

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

- No sleeping or lying on the sidewalk during the day, from the hours of 7 am to 9 pm.

People should not be affected by this rule if they have other options such as a small corner of an unused portion of a large parking area they would still be in a populated area but out of the way of businesses

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

only a person with no consideration of others would do this to begin with unless they are trying to stay out of the weather

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

people are usually too afraid of thieves to do this anyway. But when Salem PD arrest someone they do make them leave their stuff behind in most cases to have seen

What works or doesn't work about these proposed consequences:

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most offenders of these rules are people who are or have been removed from out of the way camping areas away from store fronts and more public areas that cannot find a better place to be

- If you submit a written request for a waiver, law enforcement may approve waivers to excluded individuals who need to access services at a location within the exclusion zone. If someone uses services at the UGM, they will still be able to do so.

what is the point of the citation if ~~there~~ there are no consequences. Repeat offenders of these rules would probably not offend at all if there were a better option they ~~could~~ could be directed to

- Other comments:

there are many places around town that are city owned and vacant that could be used as a temporary fix for the homeless with little or no cost to the city
ie: Portapot and Dumpster in a vacant lot that people could camp in within reason maybe a covered area in a park to stay out of the weather that stay open at night

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ONLY ANSWER WHAT FITS YOU TO SHARE

Name: ROSANNA M DEGRADO

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

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I am currently homeless and there are some occasions where I need to rest for a little because of my pain levels

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

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IF people do not know about the request for waiver than you should not be it. Jail is not an answer, period.

- If you submit a **written request** for a waiver, law enforcement may approve waivers to excluded individuals who need to access services at a location within the exclusion zone. If someone uses services at the UGM, they will still be able to do so.

this is not an answer

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Name: Tom Beales

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IT DOESNT AFFECT ME OR NO-ONE
I KNOW

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GOOD!

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IF PEOPLE ARE TOO LAZY TO GO AND
FIND A CAMPSITE, THEY GET TO DEAL
WITH IT.

- Other comments:

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ARE DISBURSTING. REALLY? THESE PEOPLE
NEED THEIR OWN AREA, WHAT ABOUT
THE TINY HOUSE COMMUNITIE?

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Name: Alfonso Hernandez

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Putting all homeless in one basket is not right cause theres people with disabilities that they can travel long distances (A friend with/fermia couldnt walk away after dinner the Mission and because of that he was suffering harassment of police and teenagers for sleeping in Downtown benches.)

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from the point of view of business that might be right but for the homeless population no so much. I think the new location of future UGM building is still pretty close to downtown (what about moving Men Mission to Semenza Ranch is part of UGM organization) and move moments to the location?

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

Homeless people carry with them the last treasure of their personal life take pictures; IDs; birth certificate, important documents etc just need need to consider them that they are humans also

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Criminalization is putting a bigger burden in the homeless community that didnt adress the causes of their condition, I think the failure is systemic, lack of opportunities job training, housing affordable, education opportunities. In solution it should be a concern of everybody: churches, government, enforcement agencies is a matter that concern everybody.

- If you submit a **written request** for a waiver, law enforcement may approve waivers to excluded individuals who need to access services at a location within the exclusion zone. If someone uses services at the UGM, they will still be able to do so.

Theoretically sounds like a way of mending the criminalization but a lot of people they don't know their basic human rights... sometimes they don't know to write or read.

- Other comments:

Homeless people need help, assistance a hand to help them up, their human I understand the business community, is a driving force that produce jobs, services that all of need. I think moving the UGM to the outskirts would be the solution at certain point we need to unentangle the problem criminalizing them is not the solution.

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The Allowance of; sleeping ~~or~~ lying or residing on the sidewalk for an extensive period of time, ~~should~~ would improve the moral of Salem Or.

For the constables, shopholders, visitors to Ore.

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

gon "This States Capital" The Mall + Dome.

~~No~~ No sleeping, lying ~~etcetera~~ also would include

merely standing + waiting

I stopped going down town these

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

last whole couple years, but didn't realize it ~~was~~ until now but the atmosphere is only tolerable during festivities the tension and drama

is too much

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Name: Jenny Culpovich / July 15

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- Other comments:

YOU NEED TO DESIGNATE A SAFE PUBLIC PLACE WHERE PPL CAN ERECT TENT SHELTERS OR OTHER TEMPORARY HOUSING. THIS ORDINANCE IS INHUMANE AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS!!! IT IS NOT A CRIME TO BE HOMELESS WE MUST FIND AN HONORABLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

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Name: LORRETTA COSTELLO

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

- No sleeping or lying on the sidewalk during the day, from the hours of 7 am to 9 pm.

It would affect the people I work with Daily. They need a safe place to sleep. If pushed to the river side, they are in much more danger.

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

It's a safety issue.

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

People need a place to store their things during the day.

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Homeless should NOT be criminalized

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- Other comments:

There has to be a more humane way to deal with ~~the~~ unsheltered. If we chase these folks off the sidewalk, they will not be safe. Perhaps a well-lit, designated area would be a better solution.

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Name: CLAY PETERSON J.D. (503) 351-0779

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

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 IT WOULD PUSH PEOPLE ^{I WORK WITH} OUT OF THE CITY CENTER AND INTO POORLY LIT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DRUG USE IS MORE COMMON. NOT TO MENTION PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.
~~PLEASE~~ THIS WOULD PUT PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT ARE TRYING TO BUILD STABILITY IN THEIR LIVES BACK INTO A MORE CHAOTIC ENVIRONMENT.

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.
 LIKELY THINGS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE POLICE RATHER THAN OTHER SALEMITES. THIS SOUNDS LESS IMPORTANT AS THE PEOPLE I TALK TO DO NOT GENERALLY LEAVE THINGS UNATTENDED.

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 EITHER WAY YOU CUT IT BY DESTABILIZING PEOPLE YOU ARE REDUCING SAFETY. IT ALSO UPSETS ME THAT OUR CITY HAS HAD HOMELESS PEOPLE DOWNTOWN FOR THE DECADE I HAVE BEEN IN SALEM, IT IS ODD THAT AS DOWNTOWN HAS BECOME MORE AFFLUENT AND FLUSH IT HAS TREATED THESE PEOPLE INCREASINGLY POORLY.

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 THIS SOUNDS LIKE A BUREAUCRATIC LOOP HOLE TO CREATE AN EXCUSE FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMODATION DEFENCE CREATING BUREAUCRATIC PAPER ~~WORK~~ WILL SERVE TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FOR THE SYSTEM BARRY AND ALIENATE THE REST.

• Other comments:

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Name: Zack

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

- No sleeping or lying on the sidewalk during the day, from the hours of 7 am to 9 pm.

I would advise people not to sleep on the sidewalk, it's for people to walk

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

It would be nice not to have someone blocking the sidewalk

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

If anyone has a personal injury preventing them from moving things, then they shouldn't have to move it

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If their not abusing property or breaking into businesses, or trashing property they should be left alone
or threatening anyone.

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You can't deny services from anyone who needs it

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Name: James

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

- No sleeping or lying on the sidewalk during the day, from the hours of 7 am to 9 pm.

It should be from 12pm - 6pm

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

It would make them go to parks and or wooded areas. It could put them in jail or fined / fees.

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

Not sure

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It would be a inconvenience for them I am sure but get up and be productive

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

good I think its Trashy and It Needs to be cleaned up!

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

good its not there personal storage

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sounds good

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works, sounds good

- Other comments:

It sucks that its come to this but there has been plenty of chances and warning that it would come to this its time to get up and be productive.

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Name: Casey

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- No sleeping or lying on the sidewalk during the day, from the hours of 7 am to 9 pm.

It would be ~~inconvenient~~ a complicated for them but they need to get up and do something about their situation. There are some of them are out being productive.

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

~~It's not~~ I agree it makes it look trashie and fuckie this is my home town I was raised in Salem.

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

They need to find a place besides the sidewalks cause people walk on the sidewalks.

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- Other comments:

I just want to say that some of the homeless people are trying to better their lives and some want to have a free ride and be catered to. Not all homeless people are the same.

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Name: Tony Nichol

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

- No sleeping or lying on the sidewalk during the day, from the hours of 7 am to 9 pm.

It would be a negative impact for them

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

yes that's a great idea

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

I agree 100%

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I don't agree with that part

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yes I agree 100% never

- Other comments:

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for a jail sentence for being without
A home, or the legal residence

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Name: Keleigh Dull

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where can they camp in city limits close to food showers or other necessities.

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What if they are unable to come back to collect there stuff homeless walk a lot walking takes time 24 hours is not always long enough to get back.

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I dont think it should ever lead to jail.

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Why implement another step to get a waiver to make it unfair.

- Other comments:

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Name: Tracy B.

How would these proposed restrictions affect you and/or people you know:

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If I were still homeless - not being safe at night to sleep anywhere, sleeping during the day is sometimes the only option. And with no room at the limited amount of shelters, there's no place to get rest during the day.

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

I don't condone erecting tents on sidewalks. But where are they to go? With all the campsites being raided and torn down, where are they to go?

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I myself have not seen unattended property on city sidewalks. But where are they to store it? Especially personal products, and clean clothes to go to appointments.

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Why is being homeless a criminal offense?

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So many of the homeless are treated so poorly, no one wants to write a request for a waiver. And considering where access to amenities are, why exclude them from these areas?

- Other comments:

The public needs to be properly informed as why there is homelessness, why they resort to drugs and alcohol, why they can't find a job or housing. The ignorance and judgement from people is degrading and stigmatizing. Housing 1st works.

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Name: Terin deAvalon

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The unsheltered have absolutely no place to go! Stop kicking them out of places as help

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Again where do they go!

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Again plus where do they put it!

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The city leaders aren't looking for ways to ^(stop) criminalizing them
It just makes it harder for them to get help through the city

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if that's the only way they can get services

- Other comments:

People have to same rights whether homeless or not to have basic needs not FOOD, WATER, and shelter. you as our public leaders have the responsibility to help the homeless and others not make sure you have a nice place to live and all the basic rights they don't get!

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Name: Christian Szore

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It was a effect when I was homeless being told I can't be here or there. Sometimes those that are homeless can't sleep at night for many reasons and the areas in or near downtown is their only place of safety they have. It would cause health issues to them not to sleep. There is no place period near downtown open after 4 pm.

- No erecting "campsites" and/or structures on the sidewalk all day or all night.

erecting "Campsites", etc that impairs normal activities I understand during day time but those experiencing homelessness need a place to store their belongings - to store outside of their living are risks it being loss or stolen. To stop it period is inhumane and wrong what are they suppose to do.

- No leaving personal property unattended on the sidewalk for more than 24 hours.

Most reasons one leaves property - their whole life stuff - that long is for a reason. They have been arrested, health issue, injury, stuck elsewhere while searching for resources. Things come up for everyone. To just assume its left that long due to volunteer abandonment is wrong. This could be solved by creating more safe places for our neighbors and stuff that doesn't affect businesses, etc.

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So its a fact it can lead to arrest. To prosecute people trying to live and survive is unconstitutional especially when the leaders ignore the reasons that causes it to begin with. This leads to humans not being able to eat or get any other services.

- If you submit a **written request** for a waiver, law enforcement may approve waivers to excluded individuals who need to access services at a location within the exclusion zone. If someone uses services at the UGM, they will still be able to do so.

A written request would be a hardship to those that can't write, read, articulate or have the capability to even understand what to do or that it is even possible. It also is not a guarantee they will still be allowed to and it invites discrimination, favoritism and more.

- Other comments:

9th circuit court ruled this is unconstitutional and illegal and may I add inhumane. No matter how it is spun - That's the bottom line. To also do this at same time as sweeping and stopping them from being anywhere outside of downtown is inhumane.

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Not only is the proposed no sit like law illegal but it will not be tolerated. Go ahead make your law & pass it, we will not follow it.

We've heard concerns into safety of shop & business owners, as well as the safety of ourselves. We've heard how "an excuse for us to be lazy" will no longer be accepted.

We would be safer indoors, but have heard how the housing authorities exclude people from these programs. Example of such could be sex offenders... is it really safer to exclude these people from all housing programs so that when your children run away & are on the streets it's them that they will be around & camp out with? And does this ^{proposed law} make it even safer, by constantly moving them around so that when they do pray upon your children now you can't find them? I believe it does. make it easy for sex offenders to get away with such with the creation of this law.

Wouldn't business & shop owners be safer if in fact S.R.C. 95.550 was ~~is~~ written & suppose to be ran rather than city of salem Police harassing & arresting everyone & anyone making criminals where there would be none. And if ~~it~~ enforced as written would allow business & shop owners to remove problems while creating relationships with those whom are not as issues.

As far as laziness goes due police harassment all our energy is constantly elsewhere focused on survive. Many

of us our & have been volunteers throughout ~~the~~ the community of this city, in a city that has not produced revenue in over 24 years & is slow to gain industry it is not a homeless or lazy problem its a city management & enforcement problems.

There were laws passed in oregon making it illegal to ask of criminal background while applying for a jobs & yet ~~any~~ many of us looking for work can't find it due to criminal background questions & checks.

Prior to the point of ever getting that far there have been ideas of programs & such for housing that have been presented & ignored. I know this first hand because many of these ideas have been my own. Rather than hear these ideas out from those who try & help us ~~the~~ the "proper people of authority" within this town treaten them & their families. Or maybe they themselfs or holding such ideas back because their the ones whom don't want us to recived such help. It doesn't matter either because we have knowledge & understand to create & help on the whole scale nation wide not just here because this problem is everywhere.

Not everyone will conform or fall terms under anything we have to propose &/or offer however we are & can remove a statistical number of what appears to be a problem so that you all can see where the issues truly lay.

I personally have been pointing out ways to keep the general public safer due the way laws are currently written. And have shown pin point directness how this city corrupts the written law given all power over the law to the illegal ghetto police force. And done this ~~is~~ openly for almost 3 years now after finding out about OR. 167A.100 which clears my criminal record because in my case you'll find where hearsay was upheld over court records that means come march I have an 8.4 billion dollar law suite against the city of Salem & the state of Oregon for illegal & unlawful arrest & incarceration. In a time when we are all well aware that a federal attorney has been hired against this city I would think they'd want to hear a voice of help when one answers the call. You've not found that voice amongst yourselfs but you do have it hear. And I've talk federal mandate law for over 20 years. Example under USC 50 50let. app. reg. I should be being paid as an attorney for printing all these injustices out. So please make my check for that payable to UCC - 1308.

Essenally what your being told here in short since I've only a short time to talk is shit only falls downhill ~~is~~ so far before it piles back up. It's piled up & I'm the "gastrated" crumpton. The vice that came back out of it. And we will not be blamed for the inability of this cities officials & enforcement officers failure of doing their jobs effectively, appropriately, & responsibly.

On the whole sealing we are here & will be such pired.

until our constitution is upheld to its fullest. The world was invited to watch & interject if necessary starting in 2011, & if we are not heard now then we open call them in to aid us in the war against State "the voice of American Gov." because "We the people the empowering embodiment of the U.S. Gov., We the people the Gov. of the U.S." do declare that voice has been cut from us for whatever reason &/or purpose/intent. We are anonymous & we are occupy. We the people ~~do~~ declare that occupy must take root once more & reform not breaking not running but remaining until our constitution is upheld & we are heard. I turned 35 years old in March & I'm currently running for Presidency of the U.S. I've been on TV & local radio. I've been on facebook, twitter, youtube, etc.

In hobbes' Leviathan he excludes sociology thus modern Gov. is lacking completion due to the expansion of population growth. Here within this town the 2019-2021 terming for the Otavious bridge is 3rd term after which funds could have been pulled. This upcoming term being the term in which we can pull the most funds for such at 1,413,000 dollars. Stanford University will send you all course material to study even if you can't take their classes due to inability to pay. I may not have the proper credentials but I am studied & do know what I speak into. I'm a homeless man not uneducated. That's an education given to me

by this Gov. which still makes me a valued member thereby
of this community. And I've got something to give back to this
Nation. In a time when we never truly know whom
anyone else is & anyone & everyone can be anybody
I'd strongly suggest my voice & ideas be heard... & here is
why: It was Winston Churchill whom said it is the civil
duty of every man woman & child to disobey any law order
or ordinance that is unjust uncivil, inhuman or unconstitutional
the American Gov. being the only Gov. in which hold constitution.

This can be considered the start of my official reports
to the O.L.C.D.A.U. buildings in Portland, Eugene, & Seattle.

U.S. Marshall

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154 in 4/0r through programs w/60 passing is only
a 28-32% success rates within HRAP programs.

All SRC are only to be ran in direct accordance
to the ORS upon which they are based upon or else
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Alternatives: Instead of the proposed sit/lie ordinance, what if the city:

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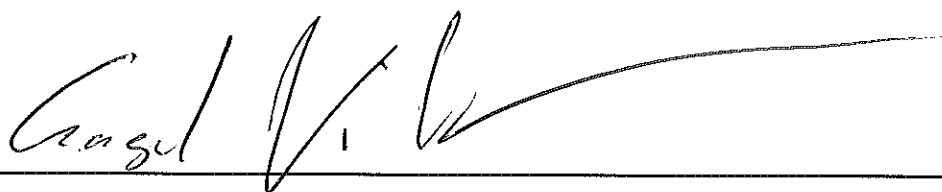
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- b. the mission and purpose of organizations that CANDO supports, like the Salem Housing Authority, the Union Gospel Mission, Northwest Human Services, the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and United Way;
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WHEREAS, proposed Ordinance 10-19 targets people experiencing homelessness, is not designed to address the substantive complaints of downtown businesses and is likely to inflict adverse, unintended harm on Salem's most vulnerable residents, including further stigmatization of their condition, *whether or not they are found to be in violation* of proposed Ordinance 10-19;

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CANDO recommends to the City Council AGAINST enactment of proposed Ordinance 10-19.

ADOPTED by the CANDO Board of Directors, this 17th day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:



CANDO Secretary/Treasurer