

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Laura Adams <ladams562@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 4:57 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Strongly Oppose Sit-Lie ordinance

I want my opposition to this ordinance included in the record. It has been shown time and time again that homelessness is more effectively combatted by providing more resources and eliminating service barriers. What has specifically been shown not to work are ordinances like these that result in increased costs, increased barriers to services and increased contacts with law enforcement. This ordinance is throwing money away on a cruel plan that will not be successful.

Laura M Adams  
Salem resident

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**From:** Ellen Crosby <homeisback@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 10:26 AM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie ordinance

Dear senators,

Why can't we take dead malls or schools and turn them into homeless shelters?

Add cafeterias, rooms, food banks, class rooms, day care etc.

Just an idea. It beats running people out of town, which is barbaric.

Another idea:

Let the homeless have their shelters, place dumpsters nearby, let them know that if they keep the garbage in the dumpster and don't throw around on the ground and they can stay, tell them if they continue to throw garbage on the ground THEN they will be evicted.

We HAVE to do something to help them! Running them out of the city one section at a time only creates more problems. Such as what we are now seeing, they are now moving into residential areas and camping out in front of homes! This only creates more problems with stealing, vandalism, and anger among the community. The sit lie ordinance is NOT THE ANSWER!

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

Ellen Crosby

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of kmdalton1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:12 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Kathleen Dalton
Your Email	kmdalton1@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035881404
Street	1404 Jordan Dr S
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	I ask every city councilor to pass the sit/lie ordinance. It is a public safety and sanitation issue foremost. The law-abiding citizens of Salem should not have to fear for their safety or health when walking the city sidewalks. Thank you.

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**From:** Bob Elliott <robert.eugene.elliott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** citycouncil; mordhorst.lyle@co.polk.or.us  
**Subject:** Why dozens of homeless are camping along downtown Salem streets

I'm forwarding this article to you in case you do not receive the local paper. It is 2 hours old, timely written with the sit/lay reading, coming up Monday night. Camping on public property maybe needs to be talked about. Maybe some one like Tom Anderson should take the lead, being a Liberal, his passion and drive would fit the bill. He could work with the City of Longview to adopt their recently passed ban on camping in City Hall property. Who knows, maybe the homeless will move to our lawns next to City Hall, Main Fire station and the Library. Please Tom take the challenge, your leadership and drive could fix this very difficult problem, be a leader and take charge. Bob Elliott. Check out this article from Statesman Journal:

Why dozens of homeless are camping along downtown Salem streets

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2019/11/23/downtown-salem-oregon-homeless-camp/4252292002/>

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**From:** Bob Elliott <robert.eugene.elliott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** 2 Years ago

Here is a reminder article from 2 years ago voting down the sit-lie ordinance. Will Monday night be a repeat? When the council votes to do nothing guess what, nothing changes. Now the issue is worse than back then. The Mayor can only do so much when he does not get support from the liberals on the council. Work together, help him and the City Manager do what they do best, providing leadership. It is easy to vote no, voting yes for what is best for Salem takes more work. Make Salem a better place to live and work as a team not carrying the torch for some councilors pet project or personal belief on an issue. Bob Elliott, West Salem

Check out this article from Statesman Journal:

<http://stjr.nl/2xycd5g>

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**From:** Cindy Francis <cindyfrancis50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** No Sit-Lie Ordinance

I want to express my concern about this ordinance. First, there aren't enough places for people to be in the daylight areas. Women can only get a meal at UGM, they can't hang out in the day center. Arches closes at 3 pm as does HOAP. If they have a bed at the Salvation Army they can't stay there during the day. Secondly, the mayor appointed a task force to address problems and none of the solutions were put in place. Thirdly, HRAP is a good program but only serves a small portion of unsheltered people and funds were cut by the city this year.

Fourthly, other cities have tried no sit-lie and very little changes. Fifthly, most business owners don't feel that it will help.

The funds, time and energy needed to enforce this ordinance could be better put to use in other areas. Putting in place a Cahoots type emergency response for those suffering a mental breakdown would take a lot of pressure off our police and EMR teams. If business owners knew there was a mental health team to respond when someone is causing a disturbance in their business, perhaps they would feel differently about people being on the street.

Most of the people who sleep and live on the street regularly keep their areas cleaned up, even cleaning up trash that wasn't left by them. They don't disturb anyone. They're peaceable people.

-- I believe this ordinance will not be enforced fairly. For instance, If I, a Salem homeowner, came downtown and sat on the sidewalk, would the police tell me to leave? If they did, and I refused, would they move me out of city limits?

I'm told that if unsheltered people are removed from the city limits, they can receive a waiver to access social and medical services, yet they have to apply for this waiver, it's not automatically given to them.

The constant pressure put on our unsheltered community is causing many problems. Many feel angry and take out their aggression on members of their own community and sometimes others. Many more are feeling hopeless and depressed and less motivated to work to improve their situation as they feel that they will continue to be seen as a detriment to society even if housed and working.

The City of Salem needs to put funds and energies to providing shelter for all you want it from well-regulated camping and parking areas, to tiny houses, group homes and apartments.

To my knowledge, no city council member, including the mayor, other than Tom Anderson, has volunteered at a warm center. Please correct me if I'm wrong. I would invite you all to volunteer or at least observe the Mobile Shower Unit and Room Service. Instead of seeing us as "enablers" (as I was called by Mayor Bennett), perhaps they would see the good that is done, as well as the trust and

understanding that results. When people are treated decently, the response is much different from when they are kicked, cursed at and spit on.

Peace, Cindy

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**From:** Becky Gilliam <becky@saferoutespartnership.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 6:02 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** Estrada, Jessica; Sandra Hernández-Lomelí; Reyna Lopez; Levi Herrera-Lopez; Pedro63814; JAN FERREIRO-MONTES; racialjusticeoc@gmail.com; Anne.Udall@ppcw.org; Emily.McLain@ppaoregon.org  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO on Sidewalk Ordinance  
**Attachments:** No on Salem sit-lie .pdf

Good evening,

Please accept the attached letter in opposition to the sit-lie "sidewalk behavior" ordinance, currently under consideration by Salem City Council. Kindly circulate this with Councilors and submit into the record for Monday's meeting.

Thank you,

Becky Gilliam (*she/her*)  
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November 22, 2019

Mayor Chuck Bennett & Salem City Council  
555 Liberty St SE RM 220  
Salem OR 97301

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Councilors,

As a group of non-profit and volunteer organizations working to support a safe and thriving community in Salem, we are respectfully submitting this letter to City Council in opposition to the proposed “sit-lie” ordinance. The increasing population of community members experiencing homelessness in Salem, is evidence of the current public safety and public health crisis we are facing. With the current state of lacking affordable housing, access to social services, use of restrooms or places to rest, we know that pushing people out of our public spaces and out of sight, is not a real solution.

The draft ordinance before council will force people out of the city’s public spaces, and yet the city’s website says the policy is “not directed at preserving physical pedestrian access or public safety.” With so little assurance that this policy would improve the livability in Salem, accompanied by the statement that the ordinance isn’t meant to improve safety, we question the motives behind this reactionary policy. Our agencies work to promote safe and healthy communities for people of all ages, races, disabilities and income-levels, starting with addressing basic needs like access to housing, education, social services and safe transportation options. This ordinance steepens the uphill battle that vulnerable communities already face in getting their basic needs met, and it pushes them further outside of the greater community.

We believe that public spaces are meant for all community members, including our most vulnerable who are living outdoors. We call on City Council to commit to finding real solutions for affordable housing and social services, and we look forward to supporting meaningful action. Thank you for your service to the Salem Community, and for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Becky Gilliam  
Pacific NW Regional Policy Manager  
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**From:** Becky Gilliam <[becky@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:becky@saferoutespartnership.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 8:43 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Vote NO on Sidewalk Ordinance  
**Attachments:** No on Salem sit-lie .pdf

Please see below & attached. Thank you!

Becky Gilliam  
Pacific Northwest Regional Policy Manager  
[503-949-0387](tel:503-949-0387)

Sent from my cellular device  
Please excuse typos and brevity

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Becky Gilliam <[becky@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:becky@saferoutespartnership.org)>  
**Date:** November 22, 2019 at 6:02:28 PM PST  
**To:** [citycouncil@cityofsalem.net](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsalem.net)  
**Cc:** "Estrada, Jessica" <[Jessica.Estrada@ppcw.org](mailto:Jessica.Estrada@ppcw.org)>, Sandra Hernández-Lomelí <[Sandra@lusyouth.org](mailto:Sandra@lusyouth.org)>, Reyna Lopez <[reynalopez@pcun.org](mailto:reynalopez@pcun.org)>, Levi Herrera-Lopez <[levi@manoamanofc.org](mailto:levi@manoamanofc.org)>, Pedro63814 <[PSosa@afsc.org](mailto:PSosa@afsc.org)>, JAN FERREIRO-MONTES <[proyectopoderoregon@gmail.com](mailto:proyectopoderoregon@gmail.com)>, [racialjusticeoc@gmail.com](mailto:racialjusticeoc@gmail.com), [Anne.Udall@ppcw.org](mailto:Anne.Udall@ppcw.org), [Emily.McLain@ppaoregon.org](mailto:Emily.McLain@ppaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** **Please Vote NO on Sidewalk Ordinance**

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**From:** Jennifer Martin <jennifer@mid-valleycre.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:12 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** FW: Sit Lie Ordinance

Good evening—I realize I sent the below email a couple weeks ago, but I wanted to resubmit it as official testimony for Monday. I will be out of town and may not make it back in time.

I also wanted to supplement my email in follow up of the work session. I encourage you to pass SOMETHING that is different than we have now, which is nothing. Please also note that anyone can visit and hang out in a city park during the day and we have three of them in or within close proximity to downtown. It is NOT ok for folks to loiter or compromise the vitality of our downtown. Ten years ago, we would have begged for our downtown to “stay open” past 5pm....we can’t knowingly squelch that progress.

Park Operating Hours - The following City of Salem Parks are open for public use on the following schedule:  
Large Urban Parks 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight  
Community Parks 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight  
Neighborhood Parks 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

City Councilors,

I am reaching out today in support of the Sit Lie Ordinance (Sidewalk Behavior Ordinance).

In the industry in which I work (Commercial Real Estate Brokerage), my role within the community is to recruit businesses to our community and tell the story of the benefits of our city, including that of a vibrant downtown. We have had SIGNIFICANT investment in downtown over the past five years—amazing investment, but that is being overshadowed by the current homeless population occupying doorways, sidewalks, benches and other areas of downtown bordering private property and creating an unwelcoming environment for potential investors or business owners looking to invest downtown or gauging the health of our downtown as it relates to larger investment outside the core.

I understand there is a delicate balance between offering assistance to the homeless population (for those willing to receive it), and ensuring our community members feel safe and welcomed. For WEEKS, I have seen the bench on the city sidewalk at Commercial and Court overrun with someone’s belongings, but the police and city staff have no mechanism to remove those items so that area can be enjoyed by the business owners and patrons of the area retailers.

We NEED a legal process that helps ensure that our downtown can thrive in the way we envision and encourage. This ordinance is a fair and just way to find a balance.

I encourage your support.

*Jennifer Martin, CCIM*  
A licensed Principal Broker in Oregon



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**From:** the renovators inc. <renovatorx@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 6:23 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Opposing sit/ lie ordinance

To who. It may concern,

As a tax paying resident of Salem I want to make sure it is clear that I do not support any legislation (sit/lie ordinance) that further encourages the homeless population nationwide to view Salem as an attractive place to go. Current policies and lack of enforcement of existing laws have contributed to a sad situation. I am embarrassed to say I live here at this point.

Jason Johnson  
The Renovators  
503-999-5587

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**From:** Susann Kaltwasser <susann@kaltwasser.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder; citycouncil; Chris Hoy  
**Cc:** Irma Dowd; Fowler, Sue  
**Subject:** ELNA comments on Sidewalk Ordinance  
**Attachments:** ELNA comments on Sidewalk ordinance 112519.pdf

Please enter into the record the attached comments by the East Lancaster Neighborhood Association (ELNA) regarding the proposed ordinance regulating the use of sidewalks and public spaces, Agenda Item 7.1a. during the "Public Comments" portion of the City Council meeting on Nov 25, 2019

Thank you,

Susann Kaltwasser  
co-president ELNA



## **EAST LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ELNA)**

November 25, 2019

To: Salem City Council and Mayor Bennett  
From: Susann Kaltwasser, East Lancaster Neighborhood Association  
RE: Regulating the use of sidewalks and public spaces, Agenda Item 7.1a.

On November 7, 2019, the East Lancaster Neighborhood Association members discussed the proposed ordinance regarding the issue of unhoused individuals in the downtown area. After some discussion there was an unanimous vote of all the people there that we should oppose any form of this ordinance. The feeling was mixed about the causes of the current situation, but there was complete agreement that enacting new restrictions on sitting, laying or even building protections from the weather was not a good idea.

The citizens of Salem seem to agree with the sentiments of the ELNA members that homelessness is their number one priority for the City. What is not clear is that a majority of people perceive the problem to be one of law enforcement or the lack of additional laws. They felt that the problem is more likely the lack of affordable housing, enough vouchers for the poor, and the lack of essential services for addictions, mental illness, and basic supports of food and clothing.

The ELNA members would like the City Council to reject this ordinance at this time and to rather renew the efforts to implement the recommendations of the Downtown Homeless Task Force. Many of those recommendations are not complete yet. It is essential that before the use of more enforcement like this ordinance, the City look at ways to help the unhoused with sanitary service and access to social services. When you force people to move when there is no place for them to go, it is just prolonging the situation and can force people into other neighborhoods. How does it help?

We feel that there are already enough laws that can be used to address real safety issues such as public indecency, urinating in public, intoxication and disruptive behaviors. Utilizing teams of people who have special training to assist a merchant makes more sense than to accelerate a perceived nuisance into a criminal offense. Issuing fines to people who cannot pay them is futile. It may seem to address the immediate problem, but it only creates more expense for the taxpayer, takes police away from more important duties if it comes to court action, and clogs the system with useless litigation. It makes more sense to the ELNA members to use those resources that we have to work on alternatives.

The ELNA members recognize that the problem we see most intensively downtown is in part because we only seem to have services clustered in that area. We would like to see more services or shelters provided in other parts of the City. We see a lot of unhoused people in East Salem area as well, but there are no support services in that area. Many of the unhoused cannot easily access the downtown service agencies due to health issues. Neighbors told stories of homeless people sitting on the sidewalks because they are unable to walk very far at a time due to untreated arthritis, sore hips or wounded feet. They are essentially stuck where

they are for long periods and no way to access medical care or social services. One neighbor said that they were able to befriend a homeless man and connect him to needed services just by offering a ride. Such a simple act of kindness helped a person and was a much better solution than calling the police.

Homelessness is not just the responsibility of the government. It is an issue that we all have to take some responsibility to address at the local level. Therefore, the ELNA members would urge the City to conduct local discussions through the neighborhoods about the local situation and to seek solutions together. There are a lot of caring people who would like to help, but do not know how and/or do not know what is available. We think there are many more people who want to help than there are people who want to see their neighbors criminalized for being poor.

If this ordinance is passed, even in a limited form, ELNA feels that it will just make the problem worse. It will suggest that poverty can be solved with laws, that some members of our community are 'less than' because of their lack of income, that addiction is a crime and not a disease, and that the problem only exists when we see certain behaviors that are in fact coping methods for people who are destitute and need help. We do not think that it will do anything more than turn innocent people into criminals, push people into other areas of town and prolong finding real solutions to the housing crisis we currently face.

We urge the Council to work with us to find real solutions and not to waste time on ineffective laws.

Thank you for your consideration of our neighborhood concerns.

Susann Kaltwasser  
Co-President  
East Lancaster Neighborhood Association

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**From:** Rachel Kitterman <rskitterman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:29 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** In opposition to the sit-lie ordinance

I am a graduate student in the MSW program at PSU. I live in Salem and am doing my practicum at ARCHES where I have a lot of contact with the unsheltered population in our area. I am in opposition to the proposed sit-lie ordinance. This ordinance directly targets the homeless which is a human rights issue. Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer to what is obviously a growing issue in Salem. People living without shelter need our compassion and care. Sometimes sidewalks and public areas are the only safe places people have to rest. People without homes need solutions and services that help them obtain and keep housing. Please join me in opposing this ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Kitterman

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**From:** Lynelle Wilcox <lynelle@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 2:29 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie: stories, trauma, warriors, heroes

when you're frozen and stuck in sending anything because nothing can meet your ideal to convey perfectly enough, yet you need to say something anyway, and your heart and fingers freeze up, because there are no words to convey all the nuances that matter...

when people's stories are so often perceived as separate from whatever issue is the focus, yet the stories are the context and the threads of the tapestry of life.

when any specific part in isolation is a vacuum that makes it easy to perceive black or white as the options, and that perspective seems to align with facts, yet misses the truth that facts without the stories are as false as logic separated from emotions or emotions separated from logic. accuracy and humanity can happen only when we consider both as relevant, even when we might need to choose a path that favors one or the other.

when you have learned so much, with so much more to learn, and it's not transferable with integrity to others who have not been there, or listened hard to people living in the trenches, and let their hearts be changed.

when you've heard from people whose real lives were more horrific than tv and movies... kids who were burned, beaten, raped, by parents or other family members... girls who were prostituted by their moms starting when they were 6 years old because their mom needed the money. kids who left home as early as ten years old because they had a better chance of surviving on their own than surviving in their household...

girls who ran away from abusive homes and traded their bodies for shelter and food because that was \*better\* and more autonomous than the hell they were living at home... boys who were chained in their backyards. girls who were gang banged or sex trafficked for years. kids that tried to save themselves and others only to be out of the frying pan into the fire, and the fire was better than the frying pan...

when you learn facts about trauma and the brain... when our self-ness is part nature and part nurture, and we'll never know the ratio, yet what happens when some people are dealt horrifically shitty hands of both?

when bootstraps were your belief for all of your life, because at some point, regardless of what happened to you in your past, you are the pilot of your own life. so cry, heal, find resources, and pull yourself up by your bootstraps. except those stories showed you that abuse is more prevalent and horrific than you ever let yourself believe, and trauma changes hearts and brains more tangibly than i ever knew. i'm not sure how people can pull up bootstraps that may not even exist...

when you learn how much trauma happens living in the streets, even if you had not experienced trauma before. when you learn how much dignity and self-ness slips away and how much shame grows when you are treated as sub-human on a daily basis. when you hear sentiments and words from so many people that their shame is bigger than others' disapproval.

when you now know that the bootstraps illusion was a reflection of the richness you lived. when you no longer have the luxury of believing the delusion that bootstraps are always an option.

when instead of wondering 'what's wrong with you?' or 'why aren't you pulling yourself up by your bootstraps?' you now look and wonder 'what happened?' with no right to know anyone's stories, yet knowing those stories happen more than i ever realized.

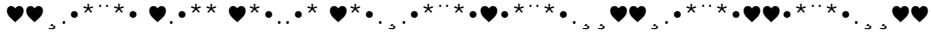
when you can't un-hear those stories. when your heart will never be the same because the stories broke some parts of you and there is no going back. when instead of seeing people who made their own bed by their own actions and moral failings, you know there's usually much more than we can see, and sometimes you can see reflections of their stories even when they are not sharing those words.

when you wonder what paths they've walked and what they might have lived, and you're in awe that so many people have lived those stories and they are still here, still healing, still trying, still working, often helping others, as they try to create bootstraps where none existed. warriors. heroes...

when you want your words to be so perfect, so you can convey all that, and no words can do the tapestries of people's lives that justice.

As you consider the sit-lie ordinance, please know and consider that the stories are not irrelevant and separate. The stories are the threads and path for balancing accountability, effectiveness, compassion, and our humanity.

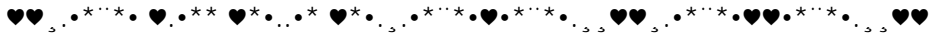
lynelle wilcox



the highest art is the art of living an ordinary life in an extraordinary manner.

and...

with our thoughts, we make the world.



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**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:20 PM  
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**Cc:** avillamor9@gmail.com  
**Subject:** I oppose the Sit/Lie ordinance - public input for 11/25/2019 City Council meeting packet

Sharing the email below as public record on the proposed sit-lie ordinance, on behalf of Angel.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** angel villamor <[avillamor9@gmail.com](mailto:avillamor9@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** I oppose the Sit/Lie ordinance  
**Date:** November 24, 2019 at 8:57:24 PM PST  
**To:** [lynelle@comcast.net](mailto:lynelle@comcast.net)

Dear Mayor and Council members,

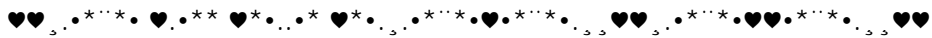
I am emailing you in reference to the Sit/Lie ordinance, that you will be voting on in a few days.

Let me just say that I do not believe it is a just ordinance in anyway, because being homeless is very difficult and stressful in and of itself. Homeless people do not need additional barriers in life for just trying to exist.

From what I understand there are about two dozen individuals that cause problems in the past or are currently causing said problems. These people can be dealt with in other ways than discriminating against all homeless people, especially those that have nothing to do with this group of two dozen individuals.

For whatever reasons the police chief and constables, and certain members of the business community that are in favor of this ordinance it will only make Salem a shame not just in Oregon, but nationally.

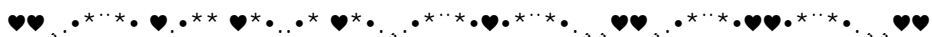
The last thing Salem needs is national news coverage, pointing out at the capital of Oregon decides it's ok, to discriminate homeless people with this ordinance.



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November 20, 2019

**To:** City Council

**From:** Lynelle Wilcox, on behalf of the Homeless Coalition

Attached are 385 letters opposing the proposed sit-lie ordinance, and 2 letters that seem to support the ordinance. Of the 385 letters opposing the proposed ordinance, 20 are from individuals living outside the Salem area, so 365 reflect input from individuals in Salem.

I'd usually think that letters speak for themselves, yet skimming or reading so many letters may be daunting, and the letters are form letters, which can be easy to dismiss. So it seems important to share about the process we used to collect the letters, along with demographic data and transcribed comments from some of the letters.

**Process for collecting input:** When we first learned that the city was re-considering a sit-lie ordinance, many advocates conveyed strong opposition and opinions about that. Yet we wanted to make sure that concerns we share reflect the realities of unsheltered individuals who would be most affected if the ordinance passed.

We wanted input from people who are unsheltered. Initially, I went out with paper and pens asked people if they want to write their views about sit-lie. Yet living on the streets in survival mode, not knowing where you might sleep tonight, lacking the comforts of a table and chair and calm head space for writing, and leaning over a pad in the heat or the rain on a curb or a sidewalk somehow isn't conducive to writing. (*Who knew?*)

So we shifted to doing extensive outreach to ask for input and serve as scribes to convey people's views about the ordinance, and about how the proposed consequences would play out in real people, real lives, real hearts.

The outreach was done from a data collection perspective, with no attempts to influence anyone's views - we wanted to reflect accurate perceptions and responses without our own biases coloring people's input. We created the form letter only after we'd spoken to many, many individuals to collect their views, based on the input we gathered.

There are a few different version of the letter, yet they each convey the same main points and concerns.

**Process for collecting signatures and/or comments:**

- In sharing the form letter for people to consider signing, we always asked first if they were ok if we talked to them, and we respected any "no" without any pressure.
- We encouraged people to read the letter in full, or we summarized points verbally before the person signed.
- We encouraged people to cross out any sections that do not fit their views, and we encouraged people to also write comments, or to write their own letter, and we provided paper and pens for people to do so if they wished.
- We conveyed support of whatever perspectives fit them, whether they oppose or support the ordinance.
- We want a process that reflects integrity, so we did not accept signatures from anyone who seemed like they would sign anything we put in front of them, or from people who were not seeming to understand the letter.
- We shared the letter with individuals at Arches, UGM, HOAP, Marion Square Park, Lancaster Drive, South Salem/Commercial area, the Transit Center/bus mall, ROCC, Project ABLE, Inside Out, various meals for unsheltered individuals, and other events and areas, as we did outreach or lived our daily lives.

**Attachments:**

- **SUMMARY OF SIT-LIE CONCERNS**
- **DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**
- **TRANSCRIBED COMMENTS** - Comments that reflect ideas, and/or relevant details and context not contained in the form letter are transcribed in this summary. (*Relevance is subjective.*)
- **SIT-LIE OPPOSITION LETTER** - Actual signed letters are also submitted for public record, opposing the proposed sit-lie ordinance. The letter is attached here as well just in case letters get separated from this summary.

## SUMMARY OF SIT-LIE CONCERNS

### CONCERNS CONVEYED IN SIT-LIE OPPOSITION LETTERS

Concept	Concerns/details	# who conveyed this perspective
Common ground	We all want sidewalk behaviors that enable clear and safe passage.	365
Effective strategies to address situations that sometimes occur	Relational strategies are happening and more are available; those strategies usually are effective.	365
Accountability	<p>Unsheltered accountability: Focus on accountability of behaviors. Consequences already exist for inappropriate behaviors. <i>(Conversations about behavior accountability often conveyed that If there are gaps in laws to enforce appropriate behavior, fix <u>that</u>.)</i></p> <p>City accountability: There is lack of legal, safe, and dignified ways to meet basic human needs. <i>(Task Force recommendations are mostly unimplemented; some are happening in the future, yet that doesn't help anything now.)</i></p>	365
Why people sit/lie on sidewalks	Resting on sidewalks during daytimes is more visible and safer. You walk a LOT when you are homeless; it's exhausting. Many people who sleep downtown are more vulnerable individuals. Many have been victims of multiple assaults, robberies, rapes. There is nowhere else to go that fits the ban hours; day centers don't have capacity to fit downtown individuals who are homeless.	365
Sit-lie concerns	<p>Sit-lie targets people who are poor, homeless, tired, and seeking safety.</p> <p>Sit-lie drives people away from services and into less safe areas.</p> <p>Sit-lie penalizes people for acts of living/basic human needs, and discriminates against people with disabilities.</p> <p>Sit-lie creates a status crime - criminalizing where people rest, even if behaviors are appropriate and passage is clear. Focus on behavior; not on sharing public space when people have no home for resting.</p> <p>Sit-lie ignores the lack of shelter space, the lack of day center space - especially for women, and the huge disparity in day center hours and ban hours. A city-wide ban leaves nowhere to go during ban hours.</p> <p>City Council meetings do not enable equitable citizenship. <i>(Unsheltered individuals may need to choose to have dinner or to attend a City Council meeting; they risk having property stolen when they are at the meeting, or they need to find someone to watch their belongings. Public forums did happen for sit-lie input, yet forums do not have the presence of the City Council to hear individuals' input.)</i></p> <p>Sit-lie's consequences further marginalizes people who are unsheltered, making it HARDER to move forward.</p> <p>Sit-lie does nothing to enable dignified, legal ways for people to meet basic human needs. <i>(Some options for meeting basic human needs were recommendations of the Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force that have not been implemented.)</i></p>	365

### POINTS CONVEYED IN LETTERS THAT SEEM TO SUPPORT SIT-LIE

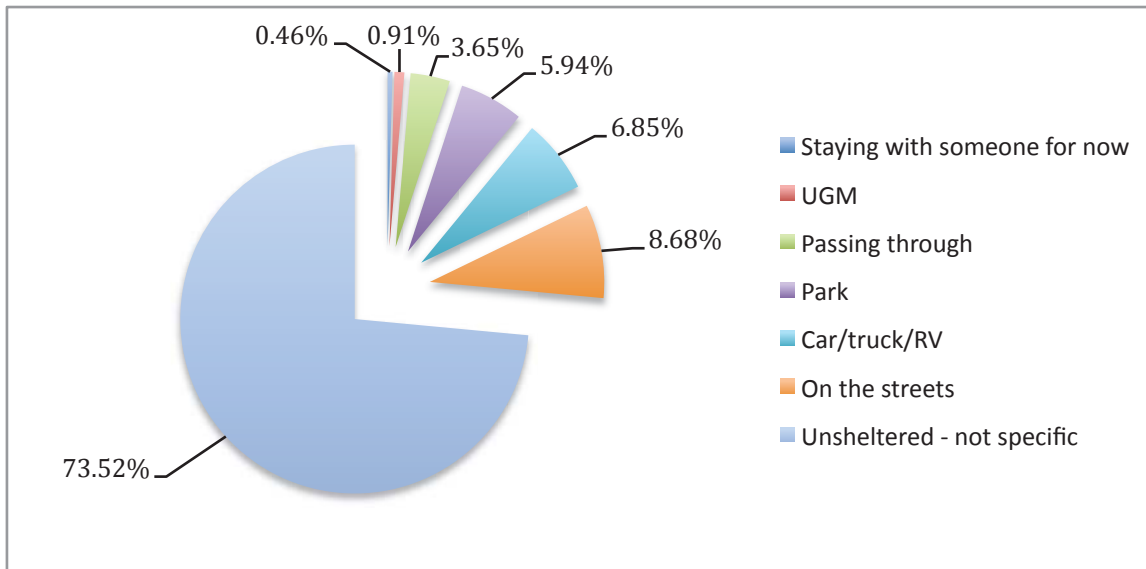
Find appropriate shelter	Downtown homeless should find correct shelter.	1
Sit lie targets behavior	Individuals are not targeted; sit-lie targets disrespectful attitude, littering, etc.	1

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FROM LETTERS OPPOSING SIT-LIE

Letters opposing the proposed sit-lie ordinance	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Unknown	Subtotal	Minus non-Salem signers	Total letters from Salem individuals
<b>Letters submitted by groups:</b>						
Homeless Coalition	47	0	0	47	-1	46
Unitarian Universalist Church	56	0	0	56	-13	43
HomeBase Shelters of Salem	<i>Letter coming soon</i>	<i>Will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> reading packet</i>				
<b>Letters submitted by individuals:</b>						
Letters submitted with comments <i>(comments all or partly transcribed in summary)</i>	18	52	0	70	-1	69
Letters submitted with comments <i>(comments are not transcribed in summary)</i>	3	41	0	44	-3	41
Letters submitted without comment	38	126	4	168	-2	166
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>Percent of total sit-lie letters from Salem residents:</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>105%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Breakdown of unsheltered responses	Percent	Qty
Staying with someone for now	0.46%	1
UGM	0.91%	2
Passing through	3.65%	8
Park	5.94%	13
Car/truck/RV	6.85%	15
On the streets	8.68%	19
Unsheltered - not specific	73.52%	161
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>219</b>

## Breakdown of unsheltered responses



## TRANSCRIBED COMMENTS

Some written comments are transcribed if the comments reflected ideas, and/or relevant details and context not contained in the form letter. (*Relevance is subjective.*) Some comments are also transcribed in order to make it easier to read the input.

1. A lot of the homeless people I know sleep on sidewalks because they feel safer out in the open. Safer from being robbed or beaten up or raped.
2. It affects everyone and myself because if there is any reason someone has to sit down for an injury or not feeling good, there's a chance we could get a ticket or whatever consequence may be put upon us.
3. We get pushed farther and farther away from safe places. I'm disabled senior. There isn't many safe places. I have been robbed and beaten a number of times. There is people that prey on us, not necessarily nomads either.
4. I live in camper with my disabled woman of 23 years. We would be devastated; should be about behavior.
5. We don't want to pay you to kick us out of public place when what we need is for you to pass program for property. We can't pay your fee and fines. Waste of time and funds could help all. One citizen of USA.
6. This will not work. It will cause chaos and more violence - pushing them out farther from help if and when they need it.
7. I live in a 19 foot camper with my partner of 23 years. I am one of the lucky ones who have a shelter for now. Please help people who need it most. God Bless!
8. I will keep short but basically the City of Salem needs to focus more on solving its homeless problem which I understand is a large one. Please spend less time trying to criminalize being homeless. I hope we will all just stay out of sight and therefore out of mind.
9. I became homeless, lost my house I was buying, after 21 years of driving semi-trucks due to medical condition which left me barely able to walk. It took years to get SS disability. My SS check makes it impossible to rent a house or apartment due to the cost of rent prices today. Took long to get Section 8 – on list for 3 years.
10. Give designated areas if you don't like how it looks in our city. It's only getting worse and more need of areas. Every state wastes so much money on useless events. Use that for toilets and trash collectors. Make it be kept clean. You need to experience it, try doing you car for three days; you'll have a different opinion.

11. Some people have sleeping disorders. For there people this would be a bad law with certain of these disable people have no choice where or when they fall asleep and this law would make it illegal for them to go anywhere or do anything.
12. The city needs to work more with the homeless and not against us.
13. Homeless need to have a safe place to rest and a lot of times daylight hours are safest time to do that.
14. Keep people safe; get homeless off streets. Congress has to act now.
15. 9 hour surgery; 13 day hospital; 13 rounds chemo; finished this 1 year ago; stage 4 colon cancer.
16. As a female that is homeless oftentimes I myself or other women I know who are homeless are alone and don't have a man with us to protect us. To sleep outside anywhere without any kind of coverage like tent is extremely dangerous. I have (as many women have) experienced the horrors of being raped many times since having been forced into homelessness 3 years ago.
17. Some of the homeless cannot get around to get out of the city limits. The weather is harsh on older ones and they need their tents to get out of the danger of exposure.
18. I sit outside to wait for lunch or dinner and I sleep on the sidewalk while I wait for housing. I'm disabled and recently broke my hip and use a walker so I don't get around very well.
19. Why is it illegal for this 30 year old vet to just live.
20. Homeless would not be able to rest. We don't have homes, don't have jobs. We get harassed every day by the people and cops. Instead of bugging us and arresting us for sleeping or sitting, start cracking down on drug users or life threatening crimes.
21. I believe this ordinance will just upset or hinder homeless people more than they already are. This will only cause more resentment and spite among the homeless because as this opposition (letter) states, we have nowhere to go. Ultimately this will only lead to more wrongful arrests because now the hours of 0700 to 2100 the police have a municipal citation to legally cite and/or arrest you.
22. Homeless need a safe place to sleep and rest in the day time.
23. I being homeless myself, it difficult just to survive with bare minimum. Salem is not homeless friendly, if you could find a place we could be it would be different. ODOT had plenty of money to provide dumpsters, porta potties so there would be less clean up.
24. I generally don't spend much time in central areas of Salem but I do understand both sides of the crisis. The biggest issue is the question presented: "where do you want people to be?" That answer for many is unfortunately "somewhere else"!! Salem being the capitol hosts many VIPs and our homeless crisis is not what the city wants them to run into face to face. Involving homeless in planning and restoration is a great start.
25. This ordinance will not fix it.
26. I think it's a great idea to stop this. It will be too costly and too much time for our police force. Thank you.
27. Provide tables (fixed to sidewalk) and chairs in designated areas such as the park in the areas where the homeless are fed.
28. Those at the Mission cannot be inside 24/7 and are required to leave during certain times with nowhere to go but out into Salem streets.
29. Some people don't have enough money for a place to stay. Some places like missions kick people out for no reasons and don't have enough beds for the growing homeless community. I feel we should have more missions and places for the homeless that won't kick them out for ridiculous reasons.
30. The only issue should be garbage or being in others' way.
31. Was a nurse for most of her life. Husband was a successful property manager. She went blind. He developed cancer and cannot work. Also hesitant to leave her alone since she can no longer see.

32. This would affect a lot of good people in the community. I know these people contribute more to the community than people would ever believe.
33. This ordinance is by far NOT the answer. Once homeless or forced into homelessness the only way out is having help financially, mentally, and/or a place to go at night. Community means a group of people coming together to help others. History always repeats. I am one of the leaders at Church at the Park. Our mission is to help provide relief from hunger through shared meals. Input: Arches could set up safe place to store (like warming centers).
34. Get people who stay at such places, such as Cascade Park, involved in the care and upkeep of the area. Most people would gladly participate in this. People who are pitching tents on the sidewalk are being rebellious jerks. They could find somewhere better to be. You never feel completely comfortable anywhere though because you could be told to leave any time.
35. It would cause people to be less calm and more violent towards normal people.
36. Unfair to homeless. What if YOU were homeless?
37. I am concerned, if this passed, that it would make life more difficult for the homeless in Salem, as would finding somewhere to stay even more difficult. Police and some citizens have been driving the homeless from their camps, prosecuting for trespass, and harassment despite not being provoked. I am worried about my future and my homeless friends in Salem. We need a safe sustainable environment to live in without fear or reprimand or judgment. Thank you. Additionally, I work full time and have been driven from 4 camps. I need somewhere safe to sleep at night.
38. All the shelters you guys think is overnight... well you are wrong because there is a waiting list. I'm worried and stressed for my girlfriend that is pregnant ... These shelters help with only food, water, showers.
39. We need to concentrate on real drug habits and neglected mental health....
40. It would take me away from the downtown where I need to see the food I need and the resources I need to find a place to live.
41. I've been homeless for six years. I have been attacked, robbed, and two tents destroyed. The police are overwhelmed and out numbered. We try to watch out for each other but we cant' be everywhere either. Some work, yet even then, we can't afford a house/apartment.
42. We feel this would not be a good idea to send the homeless from downtown Salem without giving the homeless another place that they can gather at and find shelter and cool places.
43. This is an opportunity to make a difference for a growing homeless population. We need to find solutions that will help people who are already suffering, not torment them by making it impossible to survive with physical and mental well being intact.
44. HOAP, Arches, other places to go are very, very crowded and hard to relax at.
45. Maybe there can be designated areas for the homeless to sleep and rest? Walking everywhere in the heat is bad for anybody. People who are unfortunate to not have anywhere cool in the heat to rest I've seen more hospital visits from the homeless. There is always a few bad eggs in any part of society. But sometimes when incidents happen it's because they have mental health problems.
46. Many people walk throughout the day and need to rest. The sit-lie ordinance would prevent us from being able to do that. More than the homeless, but everyday people and families. Try opening public parks away from schools and/or church to allow our homeless population a place to be during the day until night fall.
47. Need to make more public restrooms and more housing little by little we are being restricted. The police are abusing any authority given to them.
48. Everybody deserves the right to sit down and rest. The homeless are without a home so they have no choice but to be outside and previously sit and or lay where they can. I'd like to see a common ground
49. Will create more problems. Unconstitutional. Not in my city of Peace!

50. We need to improve low income housing, not restrict those who can't afford to change their situation.
51. I have many friends and peers in the community that are "homeless". I don't think setting stricter rules on where a human is in their life and where they can be is the solution; I think we should focus more on the safety of downtown and treating those in a situation we've never been in with more respect and understanding.
52. Where do the homeless go? The shelters can only take so many. You need to come up with something.
53. What if it's already been done. Been there, done that. Doesn't work.
54. I think it is not right for you to tell the homeless that they can't be here. They are people too. Stop trying to push them out and just try to help them.
55. The need for shelters and affordable housing is at an all time high. Something needs to be done now.
56. Why isn't the old Fairview Training Center open for the homeless? What a waste of building just sitting there.
57. I'm not homeless, however I'm elderly, dress mostly in 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes, get tired, get sleepy, and been mistaken for homeless. So if I nod off sitting downtown and not in time to be warned and excluded? This shows I think, that this ordinance would have unintended consequences.
58. The city needs to work on Housing First.
59. Hiding our homeless does not work.
60. Everyone has to sleep somewhere. I would like to see proactive plans in helping house homeless rather than taking punitive actions against them.
61. Not enough low income housing or places to hang out that are safe.
62. I feel that it's wrong for you (City Council) to kick our homeless community out. They have no place to go! You need to put you or a family member in their place.
63. The amount of danger and assault that occur when pushing homeless people to less safe and visible places is terrifying. Please change zoning rules to allow leases to more than 5 people in single family zoning. This makes group housing programs difficult.
64. As someone who has been homeless, it is not an easy life. Through the ongoing support of Arches I was able to overcome. Now, I have stable housing my health is improving.
65. I have been homeless and nameless and have taken a break downtown just sit and been harassed for taking a break. And when I became un-homeless and rode my bike downtown, same thing happened again even just getting off a bus and shopping dressed nice, it happened.
66. Seems to support sit-lie ban: I would like to see sitting homeless in downtown Salem finding correct shelter like using and going to the UGM.
67. Supports the ordinance: I don't believe it's the individuals being targeted, but the disrespectful attitude they exhibit with littering, etc. etc.



July 2019

TO:

- Mayor, **Chuck Bennett**
- City Manager, **Steve Powers**
- Urban Development Director, **Kristin Retherford**
- Salem Police Chief, **Jerry Moore**
- City Council members: **Cara Kaser, Tom Andersen, Brad Nanke, Jackie Leung, Matt Ausec, Chris Hoy, Sally Cook, Jim Lewis**

**This letter is to convey strong opposition to the proposed sit/lie ordinance that would ban tents and other structures from sidewalks at all hours, and ban sleeping or laying on sidewalks and other public rights-of-way from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm throughout the entire city of Salem.**

**Common ground:** Businesses need to be easily and safely accessible for their customers to walk and shop freely. That common ground provides a basis for collaboration about what to do when inappropriate behaviors occur.

**Consequences ALREADY exist:** In general, unsheltered individuals who stay in downtown areas are people who are more vulnerable for theft and violence, so they opt for places that are more public and well-lit so they might be safer. Police already can act when there are inappropriate behaviors, so the means for consequences already exists.

Even with the intent for a sit/lie ordinance to focus first on warning, resource-sharing, and then exclusion, before further consequences may be implemented, a sit/lie ordinance creates more punitive consequences that will make it HARDER for unsheltered individuals to develop basic stability that is often necessary for moving forward.

**Basic human needs:** Being homeless involves a LOT of walking - to get to meals, showers, day centers, shelters, medical appointments, job preparation/job search meetings, service provider offices, etc. Walking everywhere is exhausting. Sometimes people really NEED to sleep, even in the daytime, because it's riskier and scarier to sleep at night. Sleep is a basic human need, and a sit/lie ordinance ends up targeting unsheltered individuals simply for trying to meet that basic human need.

Many people have no choice but to sleep outside - there are not enough shelter beds for the people who need them, and people also need some shelter from the elements as another basic human need. The proposed sit/lie ordinance is cruel - it will result in a lot of sleep deprivation, more stress and mental health struggles from constantly not knowing where you can go; it will lead to physical health problems, safety risks, and more people being raped and assaulted after being forced to move into unsafe areas. It puts many people's lives at higher risk.

**Nowhere to go:** Although more shelters and beds will be available in the long term future, for many people, there is no place to be. Arches closes at 3:00 pm; HOAP closes at 2:00 pm and both are closed on weekends (and some HOAP hours are women only); Salvation Army has guests leave soon after breakfast until dinner time. Most parks close in the evening, and parks are only a viable option in good weather. Since this proposed ordinance would apply to all of Salem, where do you want unsheltered individuals to BE between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm?

The proposed ordinance disables access to some basic human needs, reduces dignity, and doesn't allow for reasonable, compassionate existence of many people who have no home. It isn't acceptable



to criminalize existence, even if that is a result, and not an intent of the proposed ordinance.

**Disabilities:** Inappropriate behaviors often are a symptom of a health, mental health, or other disability, whether that disability is PTSD, trauma, addiction, anxiety, depression, cognitive, physical, or other disabilities. A sit/lie ordinance does nothing to reduce homelessness or inappropriate behaviors - health or disabilities cannot be cured via any ordinance. The proposed sit/lie ordinance solves nothing, and ends up discriminating against many people with disabilities.

**Inequitable input opportunity:** Many of us have concerns about the proposed sit/lie ordinance and would like to attend and possibly testify. Yet unsheltered individuals also need to eat, and City Council meetings are often at 6:00 pm - the same timeframe that meals are served at UGM and Arches. Yet even without a schedule conflict, it is too risky for many of us to leave our belongings for an extended timeframe to attend the City Council meeting. There needs to be a way for Individuals who will be most impacted by sit/lie consequences to safely participate in these conversations.

**Summary:** The proposed ordinance cannot resolve inappropriate behaviors, yet we already have consequences to implement as needed. The proposed ordinance significantly reduces safety and dignity; it discriminates against people with disabilities; it criminalizes aspects of existence; it creates more challenge and hardship for unsheltered individuals to meet basic human needs of having a place to exist, sleep, and have shelter from the elements.

**Alternatives:** Instead of the proposed sit/lie ordinance, what if the city:

- Encourages further collaboration to resolve occasional inappropriate behavior issues.
- Proactively seeks input from businesses, advocates, AND unsheltered individuals for the proposed ordinance, to enable equitable input opportunity and creative, collaborative options.
- Identifies short and long term options for legal, dignified ways to meet basic human needs of having a place to be, being able to sleep, availability of legal appropriate rest rooms, and shelter from the elements. How could we create that more positive future instead of criminalizing being homeless?

Please consider the alternatives.

Sincerely,

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Lynelle Wilcox <lynelle@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 3:05 AM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie: For public record - employed individuals who still can't afford rent

This is a common problem in our city as well.

[https://theconversation.com/i-have-a-job-but-im-homeless-the-working-poor-who-cant-afford-to-rent-126445?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR2IAhHHsesORioozkBMJnXkVpdR\\_Yfjm5s6OirrP7UM52PYBAsf3ItIMHQ#Echobox=157313724](https://theconversation.com/i-have-a-job-but-im-homeless-the-working-poor-who-cant-afford-to-rent-126445?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR2IAhHHsesORioozkBMJnXkVpdR_Yfjm5s6OirrP7UM52PYBAsf3ItIMHQ#Echobox=157313724)

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**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie: Facts - We don't have hours and capacity to reasonably and humanely implement sit-lie  
**Attachments:** Did you know - Sit Lie Hours and Capacity Gap.docx

### CAPACITY GAP

Between October 2016 and January 2019, more than 2,600 residents of Marion and Polk Counties were identified through evidence-based assessments to be at risk due to living outdoors or in places not fit for human habitation.

Approximately 1,800 of these residents live within Salem's Urban Growth Boundary, with **about 700 living within one square mile of Marion Square Park.**

Homeless residents include children, families, veterans, and those suffering from addiction and physical and mental illnesses, including trauma. Many have sought housing and been denied for lack of resources. Many are working, yet are unable to make ends meet.

#### Day center capacities:

UGM - men only	120
Arches - 8:15 am to 3:15 pm; closed on weekends	70
HOAP – closes at 2pm on weekdays; some hours are women only. Closed on weekends.	55
<b>Total day center capacity</b>	<b>245</b>

A total capacity of 245 means that we currently have the means to provide daytime shelter to **only 35% of the 700 unsheltered individuals** living within a mile of Marion Square Park.

### HOURS GAP

The City says that “Available services include Arches, Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, parks and city benches, or churches or social service agencies who allow such activity.”

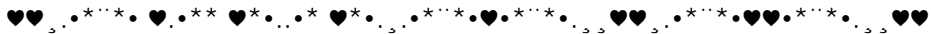
## THE REALITY...

- Arches day center closes at 3pm on weekdays and is closed on weekends.
- Union Gospel Mission is open all day, for men only. (*Women can only be there for meals.*)
- Salvation Army doesn't have a day center. (*Even residents must leave after breakfast, until dinner time.*)
- Many city benches have been removed.
- Salem churches don't offer day centers.
- HOAP day center closes at 2pm on weekdays and is closed on weekends. (*Monday & Thursday from 9 to 11 am is women only.*)

Currently, even if every unsheltered person went to permissible places during the proposed ban hours, there is a large gap in time where **there**

**is nowhere for people to be.**

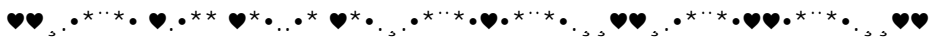
Even if sit-lie was a wonderful idea, we don't have the capacity anytime soon to implement it in reasonable and humane ways.



the highest art is the art of living an ordinary life in an extraordinary manner.

and...

with our thoughts, we make the world.



## HOURS GAP

**DID YOU KNOW**... The City of Salem is proposing a Sidewalks and Public Space Ordinance that would restrict sitting, sleeping, or laying on the sidewalk from 7 am to 9 pm. This is commonly called a sit-lie ordinance.

**WHERE CAN PEOPLE CAN GO DURING BAN HOURS?:** The City says that “Available services include Arches, Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, parks and city benches, or churches or social service agencies who allow such activity.”

### THE REALITY...

- Arches day center closes at 3pm on weekdays and is closed on weekends.
- Union Gospel Mission is open all day, for **men only**. (*Women can only be there for meals.*)
- Salvation Army doesn't have a day center. (*Even residents must leave after breakfast, until dinner time.*)
- Many city benches have been removed.
- Salem churches don't offer day centers.
- HOAP day center closes at 2pm on weekdays and is closed on weekends. (*Monday & Thursday from 9 to 11 am is women only.*)

Sit-Lie Ban Hours:	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12 noon	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
Arches	Red	Light Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
HOAP - Monday & Thursday, 9 to 11 am is womend only	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
UGM - men only	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Salvation Army	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

**Legend:** **Green** reflects places people CAN be during sidewalk ban hours  
**Red** reflects places people CANNOT be during sidewalk ban hours  
**Light green** reflects places only MEN can be during sidewalk ban hours

Currently, even if every unsheltered person went to permissible places during the proposed ban hours, there is a large gap in time where **there is nowhere for people to be**.

## CAPACITY GAP

Between October 2016 and January 2019, more than 2,600 residents of Marion and Polk Counties were identified through evidence-based assessments to be at risk due to living outdoors or in places not fit for human habitation.

Approximately 1,800 of these residents live within Salem’s Urban Growth Boundary, with **about 700 living within one square mile of Marion Square Park.**

Homeless residents include children, families, veterans, and those suffering from addiction and physical and mental illnesses, including trauma. Many have sought housing and been denied for lack of resources. Many are working, yet are unable to make ends meet.

### Day center capacities

UGM - <b>men only</b>	120
Arches - 8:15 am to 3:15 pm; closed on weekends	70
HOAP – closes at 2pm on weekdays; some hours are women only. Closed on weekends.	55
<b>Total day center capacity</b>	<b>245</b>

A total capacity of 245 means that we currently have the means to provide daytime shelter to **only 35% of the 700 unsheltered individuals** living within a mile of Marion Square Park.

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**From:** Lynelle Wilcox <lynelle@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Testimony flexibility for Monday's Sit-Lie City Council meeting?

Although it hasn't been confirmed yet, the November 25th City Council meeting seems likely to have the first reading of the proposed Sidewalk Behavior/Sit-Lie ordinance.

**Attendance barriers:** As you know, this proposed ordinance would have a significant impact on many people who are homeless, so many unsheltered individuals are hoping to attend the meeting. Yet there are inherent barriers for them to attend - timing results in some people needing to choose between attending the meeting or having dinner; some people would risk having their property stolen when they are at the City Council meeting; some people would need to arrange for someone to watch their belongings in order to attend the meeting. Some individuals stay in shelters where there is a curfew and they'd be expected to check in before the City Council meeting is likely to end. Some individuals have outstanding warrants (often for Failure to Appear), and I've spoken with the City Attorney to see if City Council meetings might be a "safe zone"? Apparently, that's not a thing, so there's a risk of arrest if those individuals were to attend the City Council meeting.

**Input opportunities:** Unsheltered individuals and advocates are grateful for the city's decision and work to coordinate 3 public forums. I think we all agree that the first forum did not allow for the intended opportunity for public input. Kristin facilitated the 2nd public forum \*beautifully\* and many people were able to share their perspectives! The third public forum was open-house style, which enables more interactive and longer conversations than three minute public testimony. Yet many unsheltered individuals did not know who was who, and many people were also nervous about approaching city officials. In hindsight, I think advocates could have predicted that the dynamics would be a challenge for individuals who have been so disenfranchised, and I wish we thought to arrange for a buddy system to enable more participation in that forum. Wishing hindsight happened before events instead of after. ; )

**11/25 City Council meeting:** The public forums provided some opportunity for unsheltered individuals to share their input, yet not all City Councilors attended the public forums, and the city staff report's public input summary focused on the third public forum, where written input was prevalent. So input from the first and second forums are not represented in the public input summary for the City Council. The City Council meeting allows for testimony in front of city staff and City Councilors who will be voting on the proposed ordinance. That opportunity is important to many people.

Advocates are trying to find ways to work around the barriers that make it hard for some unsheltered individuals to attend. We might be able to have someone watch people's property. We might be able to bring a meal for people who would be missing dinner if they attend the City Council meeting. We might be able to read someone's written testimony on their behalf, for some individuals who cannot attend, yet want equitable opportunity for their words to be heard by the full City Council that evening.

**REQUEST: Testimony flexibility?** I asked the City Attorney if we can offer that option, and still have the opportunity to testify on our own behalf? He shared that the time limit is 3 minutes per person; not 3 minutes per testimony. Yet he shared that the City Council might be able to offer flexibility, so that is why I am writing.

I understand that rule generally makes sense. Yet this proposed ordinance is unique in impacting many people who happen to have significant barriers to attending the City Council meetings. As an aspect of enabling equitable public testimony opportunity in front of the City Council, might there be flexibility to allow some testimony to be read on others' behalf, with testimony still permitted on the readers' own behalf?

If so, what is the mechanism or process for that to be decided and possibly implemented?





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**From:** Carol Long <carolsue.long2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:21 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; citycouncil  
**Subject:** Letter and petition for sidewalk behavior ordinance, Nov. 25  
**Attachments:** SMSA Sidewalk Behavior Letter to CC.pdf; Sidewalk Behavior signatures SMSA.pdf

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Council members,  
Please find attached a letter and petition concerning the Sidewalk Behavior Ordinance that is scheduled to be discussed at Council on November 25th. Several members of our Board plan to be present for the meeting.  
Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,  
Carol S. Long



November 25, 2019

Mayor Chuck Bennett  
City Council  
555 Liberty St. SE Room 220  
Salem, OR 97301  
citycouncil@cityofsalem.net

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Council Members,

The Board of Directors of the Salem Main Street Association wishes to express its support for the Sidewalk Behavior ordinance being considered by the City Council. We attach here a petition with 135 signatures of downtown business owners and patrons in support of this ordinance.

We understand that this proposed ordinance will not "solve" homelessness, but we believe that this action, in conjunction with a coordinated effort of local organizations, city agencies, and downtown stakeholders, can go a long way toward improving outcomes for all concerned.

The overarching goal of SMSA is to support and sustain a vibrant downtown for the City of Salem and its residents and visitors. The proposed ordinance will help businesses to maintain an inviting and engaging environment that will support the success of their establishments and of the downtown community.

The Salem Main Street Association is a willing partner in working towards the complex coordination and problem solving that will be necessary to support homeless individuals and individuals in crisis in our downtown area. We ask today that you adopt the Sidewalk Behavior ordinance to support our successful downtown businesses so that they can continue to be partners in this challenging work.

Best regards,

Carol S. Long  
President, SMSA Board of Directors

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Name	Signature	Business, if applicable
Roxa Garza	Roxa Garza	Jackson Jewelers
Clayton Riley	Clayton Riley	Jackson Jewelers
Dan Fox	Dan Fox	1859 Eden Co.
AARON PADILLA	Aaron Padilla	
Ann Tucker	Ann Tucker	Create A Memory
Amber Clary	Amber Clary	" "
DMMA MULLER	DMMA MULLER	" "
Samie Johnson	Samie Johnson	
Carol Edwards	Carol Edwards	
ALETHA OGDEN	althea Ogden	
Amy Church	Amy Church	Williamette Valley Ktd
Jaime Quintare	Jaime Quintare	Williamette Valley Kitchen
Diane Severson	Diane Severson	Williamette Kitchen Co
RICHELLE JENNIFER	RICHELLE JENNIFER	NOBIE WARE
Yahé Jadowski	Yahé Jadowski	<del>NOBIE WARE</del>
LISA MANCE	LISA MANCE	
Sarah Wlo	Sarah Wlo	
Brandon Nelson	Brandon Nelson	Urban Inspace
Diane Bernege	Diane Bernege	Morgan Morgan
Dan Heberberger	Dan Heberberger	Sue Ginsberg
ROBYN NELSON	ROBYN NELSON	BIVE PEDDLE
Diane Houck	Diane Houck	Olivia's
KATHY MOSEY	KATHY MOSEY	Olivia's
Charlotte Sacktion	Charlotte Sacktion	Olivia's
Stephen Davis	Stephen Davis	

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Name	Signature	Business, if applicable
Maura Ryan		Epilogue Kitchen
Jonathan Jones		Epilogue Kitchen
John Gallagher		Gallagher Fitness Resources
Robert Ray		Gallagher Fitness Resources
Susan Gallagher		Gallagher Fitness Resources
Meemee Crossler-Laird		Gallagher Fitness Resources
Vin Thomas		Fixel
Lexie Kolb		
Tiffany Bulgin		Isaac's
Mark Bulgin		Isaac's
Steven Mober		Isaac's
Dee Moryim		Isaac's
Zac Bulgin		Isaac's
Michael Dalgay Miller		Simplify Or Die
Andrew Hoxsey		Ventis
<del>D. Ventis</del>		Ventis
Aaron Bell		Ventis
Michelle Evans		Ventis
George Fria		317 Court St LLC
LAURA OSS		317 Court St LLC
Ray Lambertiend		<del>317 Court St LLC</del> Harvest
Ian Hagen		Great Harvest
Jessica Valdez		Great Harvest
Tom Sabon		Sabon Sabelers
Lern Snook		Jackson



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Name	Signature	Business, if applicable
Terry Borden		Doty Pruett Wils.
Deanna Mule		President - 441
Mike Roth		Roth's
Jessica Baldemeri	Jessica Baldemeri	Realty Babble's
Von To	Monty	Venture Bridge
Hensi Dill	Hensi Dill	Steelberg Antik
Arthur Young	Taiden Young	TOP Drawer
John Kimpfe	John Kimpfe	resident
Sandra Wiscarton		resident - Salem
Douglas W Doty		Dunbarton resident - Salem
Lina Hamel	Lina Hamel	Doty Pruett Wils.
ROSE GARCIA	YOMIE GARCIA	DOTY PRUETT
Rebecca Axmaker		BASE BARBERSHOP THE TRINITY
James Carls		Hopboards
Anne Marie Duffault		Doty Pruett Wils.
Nessa Hayes		Resident
GEORGINA LANTZ	Margaret Lantz	Doty, Pruett, Wils.
<del>John</del>	John's Petrie	The Summit Group of Pops
Prerna	Cynthia Powers	The Summit Group
Jeremy Knoll		Bulletproof Meals
Zach D'Faull		Resident
Fay Demeyer	Lynthel Demeyer	The Faculty and Professional Development
Chris Dickson	Chris Dickson	OCILLA WEBBY Xyngular
Alexis Hamcoster		From My Mind
Tina Hernandez		TP

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Name / Signature / Business, if applicable Address

Hazel Patton / *Hazel Patton* / 1363 Court NE

Carliss Bohne / *Carliss Bohne* / 1320 Cleveland St NE

Sabrina Yuzko / *Sabrina Yuzko* / 6095 Linnard Dr SE  
 Salem, OR 97317

Jessa Ferrimore / *Jessa Ferrimore* / 1528 7th St NW  
 Salem, OR 97301

GARY W BOEHM / *Gary W Boehm* / 1320 CHEMERY ST NE

Elaine K Sanchez / *Elaine K Sanchez* / 2735 Prominent Ct. S Salem, OR 97302

Emil GAZIANI / *Emil Gaziani* / 1190 Newport Rd SE 97306

ELAINE GRAZIANI / *Elaine Graziani* / 1190 NE Cobble Rd SE 97306

DEBBIE MILLER / *Debbie Miller* / 910 Shipping St NE 97306

Sandy Flicker / *Sandy Flicker* / 5779 Road 9 NE

Nancy Gaskins / *Nancy Gaskins* / 1002 Dewitt St NW

Francis Bell / *Francis Bell* / 1493 Kinwell St NE

Trene Nyam / *Trene Nyam* / 1160 Sherwood Courts

Garrett Runkel / *Garrett Runkel* / 1690 Winter St

Frisella Cuddy / *Frisella Cuddy* / 2357 13th St SE

Barbara Bohem / *Barbara Bohem* / 825 Kinwood Dr

Catherine Alford / *Catherine Alford* / 585 Bowdoin St SE Salem, OR 97304

~~Theresa Johnson~~ / *Theresa Johnson* / ~~address~~ / 2235 E

Dayna Collins / *Dayna Collins* / 825 Belmont St NE 97306

Thomas NABHAN / *Thomas Nabhan* / 1590 Fairmount Ave S 97303

Michelle Woods / *Michelle Woods* / 4027 Cheekwood St SE 97305














Kinda Nishidoka / *Kinda Nishidoka* / ~~address~~

Alex A Sanchez / *Alex A Sanchez* / 2725 Prominent Ct S 97302

Alex Tansy / *Alex Tansy* / ~~properties~~

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Name	Signature	Business, if applicable OR Address
Paul Justus		172-6 East St. NE
Caren Ann Sackor		596 Salem Thruway SE
Marnal Basu		
Bruce Stack		
Lorely Albert Stack		
Ronald C Steiner		
Tom Simpson Tom Amason		523-910 3440
Karen Elliott		2182 Leven Ave SE
Melissa Beal		91302
CLAIRE GORGIANI		1190 NEWPORT RD SE 97306
MITCHELL ZURO		3808 Equestrian LPS. SE 18th 97306
ANURU SLUR		NOT A BUSINESS BUT DOWNSIDE A LOT
JOSY OGATH		383 9th St 97301

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Name / Signature / Business, if applicable

TRICI MUMFORD / [Signature] /

Jim Vu / [Signature] / ~~The~~ Citizens Bank

Dino Venturi / [Signature] / Venturi & Basil Board

DELE MUMFORD / [Signature] / Citizens Bank

Katrina Beal / [Signature] / Birdies Bistro

George Miller / [Signature] / High Street Shoe Repair














Paul Gehlar / [Signature] / PDR INVESTMENTS, LLC

Todd McPherson / [Signature] / Court St Scaffolding

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Erica Martin		Good Notion
Rebecca Swisher		Tippy Toe Dance Studio
Ricardo Sanchez		The Tailor I/O
Yandeep Kaur		Unique Art
Ricardo Gil		Diamond Cuts
Jesus Alejandro		Diamond Cuts
David Skiff		Wine Food
<del>David</del> Daniel Dolinger		Daniel Dolinger Co
Shanika Emerson		Local Network
ASHLEY SCHACHER		SHAD MINTAKE
Joie Haridell		BeasCat Bakery
Hanneke Drumling		Little Friends Montessori
Paul Davis		Little Friends Montessori

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What you can do with K-Mart.....

## Re-Habit: Transforming Abandoned Big-Box Retailers to Housing for Homeless

Article by [SA Rogers](#), filed under [Offices & Commercial](#) in the [Architecture](#) category

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With the age of big box stores waning, all those massive abandoned retail facilities could be transformed almost instantly into housing for the homeless using a variety of plug-and-play prefab

elements. The research and development studio at [KTGY Architecture + Planning](#) in Los Angeles considers what we seem to need space for the most in cities – housing people who tend to fall through the cracks as the cost of living continues to increase – and builds entire complexes of supportive spaces and services within the empty shells of stores like Sears and JCPenney.







“Re-Habit” doesn’t get rid of retail altogether. It just makes the shopping portions of each building smaller, and places bedroom pods, restrooms, kitchens, dining halls, offices, job training rooms and other spaces behind them. Each Re-Habit store would be a community-supported thrift boutique benefiting the transitional housing program.

The main goal of the project is to be self-supporting, the creators explain, by providing training, employment and housing for residents, who rotate chores like working in the kitchen or keeping the dining hall clean. The large, flat roofs of big box stores are ideal for rooftop gardening, recreation and solar panels, and many have outdoor plaza areas that could accommodate small pop-up shops and food carts.





To demonstrate how it could work, KTG Y used a typical 86,000-square-foot store (which would often be an “anchor store” in a shopping plaza) and created illustrations showing how it could be used. The firm designed modular led pot units that contain anywhere from 2 to 20 beds, easily slotting into the

large, empty spaces. Additionally, the space could support 8 individual apartment units on an upper floor.

“From 2016 to 2017, the homeless population in the U.S. increased for the first time in seven years, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In the U.S., 553,742 people were homeless in 2017. Housing programs are a meaningful contribution to addressing the homelessness crisis.”

“Living without a home not only endangers individuals’ health and safety, but is also a significant barrier to obtaining and keeping a means of employment. Shelter is a necessity for all, and providing housing is one way to ease suffering and support individuals seeking to break a cycle of poverty.”

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This isn't rocket science.....the city, Salem Health, the churches, the community/service organizations, if everyone pulled together to help people without permanent homes to live decently and humanely.

## Housing for the Homeless: 14 Smart & Sensitive Solutions

<https://weburbanist.com/2012/03/19/housing-for-the-homeless-14-smart-sensitive-solutions/>

Article by [SA Rogers](#), filed under [Cities & Urbanism](#) in the [Architecture](#) category

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City officials spend a lot of time and energy worrying about how to keep homeless people off [public furniture](#) and out of certain common areas, when they should be considering how to better manage the issue of homelessness in general. One area of focus is homeless housing, whether simply

meeting the immediate needs of people who live on the streets or providing a more long-term, forward-thinking transitional living spaces. These 14 designs for homeless housing provoke thought as to how we can meet the needs of disadvantaged people living in our own communities, and ensure that the situation is only temporary.

### Mobile Homeless Shelter by Paul Elkin



(images via: [paul elkin](#))

Portable and water-tight, this concept for homeless housing by Paul Elkin could meet the demands of a certain segment of the homeless population that prefers to remain transient. Resembling an extremely compact version of an RV, this low-impact structure contains fold-away furniture, a mattress, a toilet, and even a kitchen. Theoretically it could be built at a very low cost, eliminating the need to sleep out in the open.

## WheelLY Recycled Homeless Shelter by Zo-Loft Architecture & Design



(images via: [zo-loft](#))

Portable and temporary, this unusual-looking design by Italian firm Zo-Loft provides a safe storage space for one's belongings during the day, and expands into a tent at night. The 'WheelLY' is made of a rolling aluminum frame fitted with two polyester tents made of recyclable or recycled materials. The rolling design enables it to hold up to 250 pounds of personal items, and the push-handle also functions as a brake.

Back on Track by Sarah Crowley





(images via: [tesseract](#))

Winner of a competition by Tesseract Collective, 'Back on Track' is a comprehensive proposal for homeless rehabilitation that involves not just housing but also community and improving long-term prospects. Going beyond just the requirements for immediate survival, 'Back on Track' is designed to be located along a strip of railway in designer Sarah Crowley's town of Melbourne, Australia. Appropriating an under-used urban space that can be integrated into the surrounding city, the design includes a series of public programs that provide jobs and activities for the 'formerly homeless' that would live there.

Tin Man No.11 by Kacey Wong



(images via: [dezeen](#))

Fanciful, but definitely fun, the Tin Man No.11 design by Kacey Wong takes a less serious look at how portable, wheeled trolleys could provide a safe and relatively comfortable home base for people who live on the streets. “It will not only serve as a shelter for the homeless but also decorate the city street, in a way,” says Wong of the robot-shaped design. The trolley opens to reveal a bed, desk and chair. Wong came up with the design after doing a field study on homeless people in Hong Kong, finding that many people do have jobs, but due to the high cost of living in the city, are forced to live on the streets near their place of employment.

Cardborigami: Folding Portable Homeless Shelter



(images via: [inhabitat](#))

This portable emergency shelter was designed based on the principles of origami. Architect Tina Hovsepian created the Cardborigami shelter from recycled cardboard; it starts out as a flat package and expands into a sort of paper tent. The material was chosen because it is inexpensive, lightweight, sustainable and naturally insulated. Hovsepian plans to refine the design to make it waterproof, fire-retardant and more comfortable.

Sleepbox by Arch Group



(images via: [dezeen](#))

The Sleepbox was actually designed with the intention of providing a compact space to take a nap, in environments like airports, but the design could easily be adapted for homeless housing as well. Russian architects Arch Group envision the Sleepbox as a unit that could be rented for a period of time between fifteen minutes and a few hours, with bedding that would be automatically changed between users; it would be particularly useful for layovers that would normally result in travelers snoozing in uncomfortable chairs. Imagine if these units could be placed in cities, perhaps sponsored by the local community, for people who don't have roofs over their heads.

## Home Dome, Made of Packing Peanuts





(images via: [green building elements](#))

Designed by a 12-year-old boy, the Home Dome makes use of a waste material that happens to provide a lot of insulation from the weather. For his entry in the Design Squad Trash to Treasure competition, Max Wallack won \$10,000 and a Dell laptop computer for the structure, which is made of discarded plastic bags filled with styrofoam packing peanuts.

### Shelter Cart by Zo-Loft Architecture & Design



(images via: [treehugger](#))



Many homeless people gather discarded materials that have value, like aluminum cans, in bags or shopping carts in order to make a little bit of money. Designers Barry Sheehan and Gregor Timlin reimagined the potential uses of that cart, creating a large, highly visible yellow push-cart that also functions as a shelter. The Shelter Cart – a submission in the 2006 DesignBoom social awareness competition – is not intended as a definitive answer to homelessness, but rather a way to raise awareness about the issue.

## Pump and Jump



(images via: [design boom](#))

Another idea that considers the need for many homeless people to push their personal items or gathered valuables around in a cart is the Pump and Jump. Designers Jeong-Yun Heo, Seong-Ho Kim and Chung Lee explain, “It’s a cart for a homeless who collect recycled things. We are have two concepts for the cart. First is pumping Air, second is fixing the box on the cart. A Homeless can rest in the shelter and store collections such as bottles, sheets of paper, cardboards, etc.”

## Instant Housing by Urban Nomads



(images via: [design buzz](#))

Tiny mobile homes that can easily be carried around by a single person, these Instant Housing Shelters by Urban Nomads consist of a metal container with a pop-out tent-like structure, fitted with wheels. The housing unit contains a retractable padded bed, a first aid kit, mirror, whistle, multi-tool, flashlight and a plastic hood with a viewing window. Affordable and easily transportable, the units could also be used for emergency housing in the event of a disaster, or recreational camping.

## Homeless Health Care Clinic Made of Shipping Containers



(images via: [inhabitat](#))

Homeless people need much more than shelters and even community support – they need health care, too. This concept by Co-Tain provides a simple health clinic made of shipping containers. Designed for the Paramore district of downtown Orlando, Florida, the Homeless Health Care Clinic is inexpensive to build, and sustainable.

Shelter Home for the Homeless by Javier Larraz



(images via: [archdaily](#))

The Shelter Home for the Homeless also considers more than just putting a roof over the heads of people who don't have one of their own. It aims to improve their quality of life, with a community that emphasizes social interaction. The shared spaces in this sleek design include leisure rooms and spaces for occupational workshops.

Mini Capsule Hotel by Atelier Van Lieshout



(images via: [dezeen](#))

Like the SleepBox, the Mini Capsule Hotel was not designed as a solution for homeless housing, but it could be adapted for such a use. Atelier Van Lieshout created the six-bed dorm-style hotel for an outdoor installation at Design Miami in 2009. Its original purpose, in fact, was almost on the other end of the spectrum: the designers describe it as “a send up of the corporate VIP lounge/oasis” functioning as a place to crash during or after a party. Brad Pitt reportedly bought it for his private beach. But such capsule hotels could have a much more practical use in urban environments.

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Can we create a Salem Village? The amount of inaction on the part of our community is inexcusable.

## Eugene Village offers a haven for the homeless



Each Conestoga hut features a bed, a small closet and a lockable door.

A few small huts are changing lives in a big way at [Good Samaritan Society – Eugene Village](#).

These shelters — called [Conestoga Huts](#) — are a part of a city-authorized program designed to offer respite to the homeless population of Eugene, Oregon.

***This is a no-brainer for us as it fits our mission of providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need.*** – Steve Chadick, former administrator of Eugene Village

The huts take up about half of the Eugene Village parking lot. Officials from the city, Lane County and Eugene Village agreed it would be an ideal spot for a homeless camp and, together, started the project. In two years, the camp has grown from seven to 16 shelters with four more being added.







Tracy Joscelyn and Red Showers, onsite managers, stand outside their hut. As members of the program, they now help manage the site.

Eugene, and Lane County in general, has a homeless crisis. The homeless occasionally spill over into neighborhoods, causing issues. But a dedicated area of shelter with regulations helps alleviate problems between the homeless and homeowners.

Thanks to the city's lenient overnight sleeping ordinance for parking lots, Eugene has been able to place homeless camps in unexpected locations. In this case, the huts legally sit on the northeast corner of the parking lot.

There are rules to keep order at the camp, including no drugs or alcohol, quiet time, and specified hours to be on and off site. Each resident also must have a plan in place for progressing toward permanent housing.



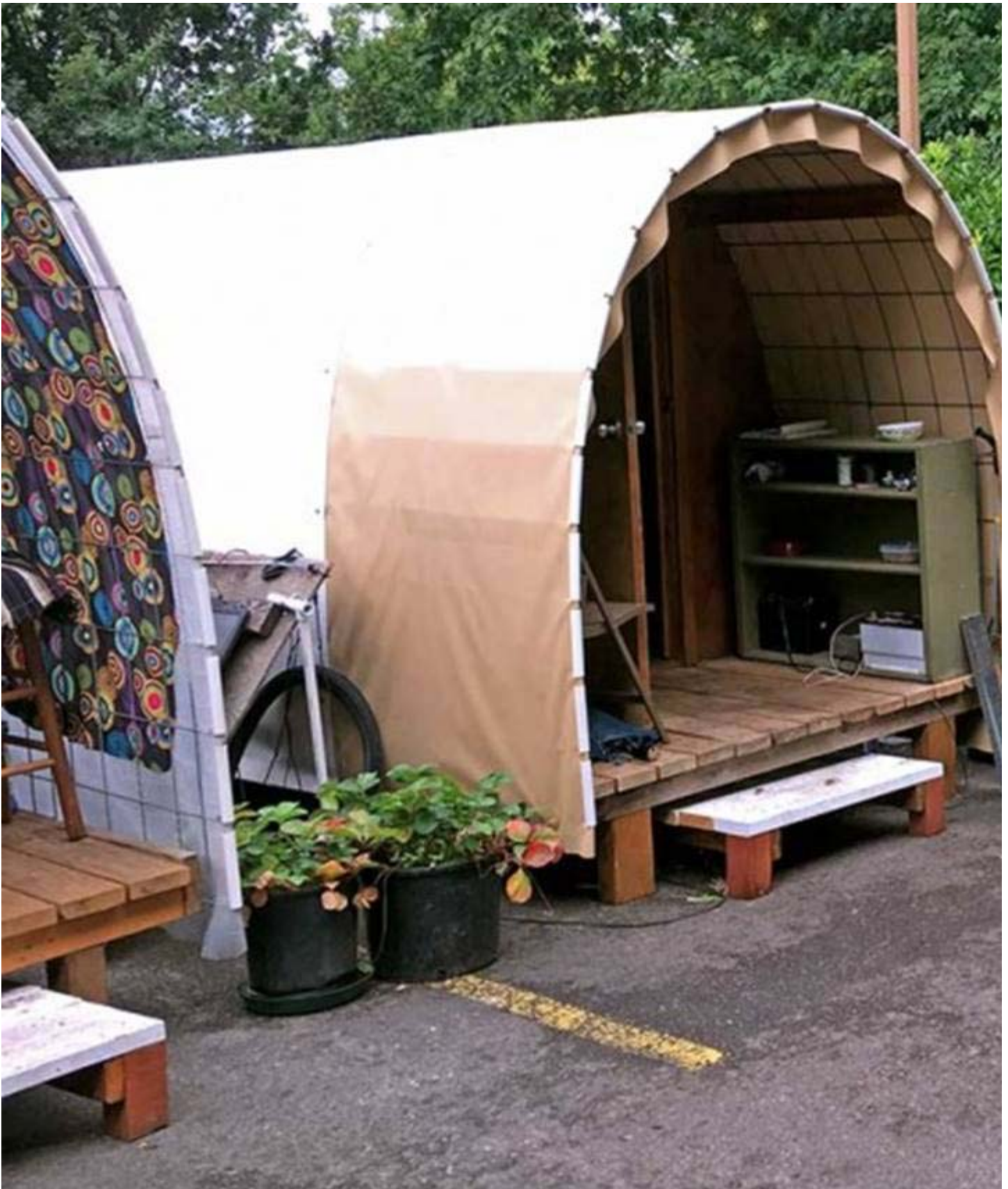
The front porch area of one of the homes.

“They’re being provided a shelter for up to six months to try and get back on their feet,” says administrator Matthew Trammel. “If we didn’t have these camps, they would be out in the street sleeping on benches.”

Each hut features a bed, insulation, a small closet and a lockable door. As required by city code, the site has a fence surrounding the designated area, along with portable toilets and trash service.

The group of huts, named Samaritan Village Homeless Camp, has been a successful endeavor in the two years it’s called Eugene Village’s parking lot home. The center received a Good Samaritan Society Social Accountability Grant to help fund construction for part of the huts, and employees are donating to the effort as well.





Participants in the program use plants and flowers to beautify their surroundings. The fencing around the parking lot offers privacy for the residents of the homes.

The community approach to solving homelessness is “absolutely something others could do and replicate our homeless camp,” says Trammel.

The program is a partnership among the Good Samaritan Society, Nightingale Health Sanctuary and [Community Supported Shelters](#).

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## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Jim Linda Stuller Morley <llmjls1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 5:46 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Against the Sit-Lie measures

Dear All,

Do not pass the Sit-Lie measure. Take the money that it would cost to work such a measure and give the homeless housing, mental health, and substance abuse treatment. Find the money. Set up a task force. Don't be stupid. What would Jesus do?

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Jim Stuller  
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## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Hollie Oakes-Miller <hollie@holsgem.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 8:48 AM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Gary Miller  
**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie ordinance

Hello city leaders,

We have lived in ward 5 for 15 years, and are also members of the steering committee for the Salem chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America.

We take issue with the use of the term “homeless” to describe unhoused members of our community. We believe that the term “homeless,” ignores that these folks do have a home. A home we all share. Salem, Oregon.

We believe that the existence of houseless folks in our community reflects solely on our capitalistic society, and not on houseless individuals. We as a society have failed to build communities that value and serve all people, and instead we have alienated, disenfranchised, and dehumanized people to the point that they cannot function as contributing members of our community.

We reject any “solution” that places any further burden on the houseless to solve problems that are ultimately created by our capitalistic society, which prioritizes profits over people. We specifically oppose adopting this new version of the sit-lie ordinance that would act to further burden our houseless community members who literally have nowhere else to go.

We wonder why the city is wasting time and resources in continuing to try to pass this extremely unpopular and frankly immoral ordinance. It is clearly safer for houseless folks to rest and sleep during daylight hours. Requiring people who are already under extreme duress to be constantly on the move is inhumane.

We suggest that the city instead focus its time and resources on solving the problems that cause people to be houseless in the first place.

- Such as skyrocketing housing and medical costs.
- The lack of funding for low cost housing, mental health care, and dependency programs.
- The need for more public bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, common areas, and storage spaces that are free for everyone to use.

These are the solutions that actually address the problem instead of criminalizing people with no other choice but to exist in public spaces. Moving the problem from one location to another solves nothing and only further alienates and dehumanizes our houseless neighbors.

We conclude that problem with houselessness and all the issues that stem from unsheltered community members should be addressed by leaders and community members who are privileged with the capital resources to turn Salem into a community where all members are valued and have their basic needs met.

Gary Miller & Hollie Oakes-Miller

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** SARAH OWENS <hlowens2@msn.com>  
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**Attachments:** OwensLivingston\_Test\_8.pdf; OwensLivingston\_Test\_9.pdf; OwensLivingston\_Test\_10.pdf

Additional Written Testimony in re Ordinance Bill 10-19, which currently is scheduled to be on the Salem City Council's November 25 agenda, Item 7.1a.

Sarah Owens and Michael Livingston

## Mail - SARAH OWENS - Outlook

In case councilors may be relying on assertions made in the City's November 2019 Status Report on the recommendations of the DHSTF (attached to the staff report for the 11/18 work session and pasted below and attached), councilors will want to be aware:

- 1) ARCHES has not expanded and has not agreed to expand service hours or 24/7 restroom facilities.
- 2) ARCHES storage capacity will be about 10 pods, each capable of storing one shopping cart.
- 3) The Salem City Council and Salem Police Department are not participating in the Good Neighbor Partnership. Councilor Kaser has been to one or maybe two meetings, and SPD have no-showed all five meetings.
- 4) The Task Force did not suggest revisions to Salem's codes and ordinances. *Some members* of the Task Force wanted the City to take an enforcement approach, *but not a majority*. It was staff who insisted on retaining the "assess codes" language in the Task Force recommendations (#3).

### Downtown Homeless Task Force Recommendations (August 2018)

#### November 2019 Status Report

Recommendation	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide <b>public toilet facilities</b> that are available 24/7.</li> <li>• Provide a hygiene center with <b>showers and laundry facilities</b> to serve homeless individuals in the downtown.</li> <li>• Support the development of <b>additional storage</b> for homeless individuals in need of a safe place to store their possessions during the day.</li> </ul>	<p><b>UNDERWAY</b></p> <p>Expanded <b>day room space, showers, 24/7 restroom facilities, laundry, and storage</b> is under construction at ARCHES and is expected to be complete in Winter 2019.</p> <p>United Way has produced a <b>Mobile Hygiene Unit</b> to be operated by ARCHES that will frequent areas with a high density of unsheltered populations to provide basic need services.</p> <p>The City and ARCHES will continue to partner on <b>further expansion of service hours</b> throughout the fall. As expanded service hours are added, ARCHES may take on the role of being the primary non-emergency contact for questions or issues relating to homelessness.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorse a <b>simplified point of contact</b> system individuals may call for support in dealing with issues related to homelessness and provide the community with easy to understand guidance on when to call 9-1-1 versus the non-emergency number, or the point of contact number.</li> </ul>	<p><b>UNDERWAY</b></p> <p>ARCHES staff, HomeBase Shelters of Salem, and volunteers from the homeless community, have developed a <b>Pocket Guide for Homeless</b> in Salem that is by the homeless for the homeless. This compact, foldable handout identifies resources, service providers, and meal locations, and is a new, excellent tool for the homeless community as well as downtown businesses.</p> <p>Further progress on using the Northwest Human Services iCarol system as the go-to resource for issues related to homelessness is contingent on establishing an ongoing partnership and meeting structure with service providers and the private sector.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support <b>alternative ways of giving</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WITHIN ONE YEAR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reinvigorating the <b>Giving Hope Not Help Campaign</b> to educate the public on alternate ways to give, with a timeframe of one year; and</li> </ol>

Recommendation	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage property owners to make building and site modifications that implement <b>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</b> and provide Riverfront-Downtown Urban Renewal Area grants for improvements that meet grant criteria.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WITHIN SIX TO NINE MONTHS</b></p> <p>This Task Force recommendation included a timeframe of six to nine months.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursue options for expanding downtown cleaning services.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WITHIN ONE TO TWO YEARS</b></p> <p>The Task Force recommending replacing the <b>Downtown Clean Team</b> with a dignity of work model used in other parts of the country where the City partners with service providers to employ homeless individuals to assist in clean-up efforts. The implementation timeline is one to two years.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a <b>Downtown Good Neighbor Partnership</b> for those who live, work, shop, and visit downtown Salem that supports appropriate behavior and ongoing dialogue with stakeholders. In conjunction with the establishment of a Downtown Good Neighbor Partnership, City staff will assess Salem codes and ordinances to ensure that the City is appropriately balancing the rights of those who live, work, and shop in our downtown, and providing the City of Salem with the tools needed to address behaviors that negatively impact others.</li> </ul>	<p><b>UNDERWAY</b></p> <p>To-date, the Good Neighbor Partnership group has met each month since August, with another conversation scheduled for November 13. Partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City: City Council, Salem Police, Salem Housing Authority</li> <li>Service Providers: UGM, Northwest Human Services, United Way, Be Bold Ministries, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency</li> <li>Downtown Business Community: Vagabond, Ike Box, Main Street, Salem Center Mall, Salem Chamber, Ike Box</li> </ul> <p>ARCHES staff and volunteers are performing daily morning walk-throughs of the downtown corridor to route overnight campers (on sidewalks, in alleyways, in doorways) to help from service providers (ARCHES/HOAP/UGM). The Task Force, while not unanimous, also suggested revisions to Salem's ordinances to provide restrictions to camping or storing personal items on downtown sidewalks during business hours.</p>

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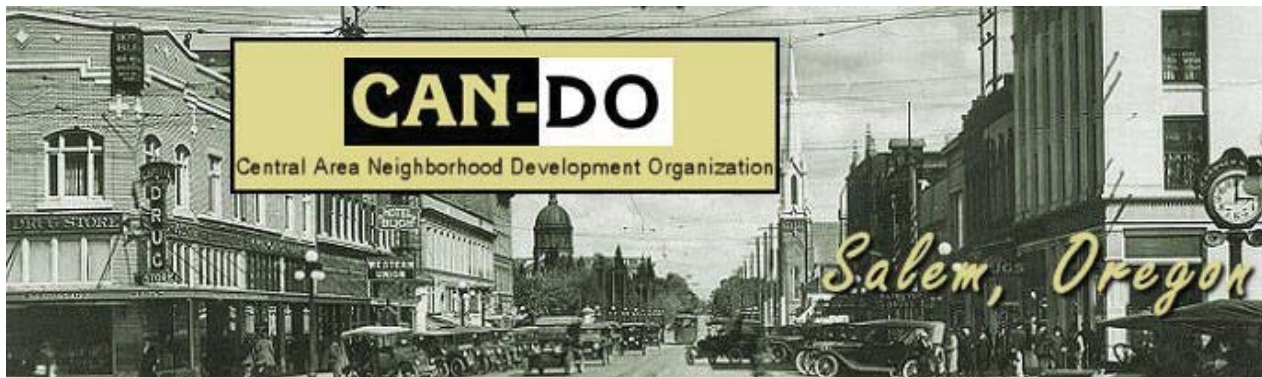
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Saturday, November 23, 2019

## Work Session Dissipates Sit-Lie Support

By Sarah Owens and Michael Livingston



November 18 Work Session, from left: Councilors Ausec, Hoy, Nordyke, Lewis, Andersen and Kaser

Support for the sit-lie portion of Ordinance Bill 10-19 dwindled to a minority of three -- Mayor Bennett, Councilor Nanke and Councilor Lewis -- following a work session that challenged City staff and Salem Police Chief Moore to explain why the City should ban sitting and lying on the sidewalks. Councilor Hoy indicated he can no longer support the sit-lie prohibition unless the civil exclusion penalty is removed.

Bennett opened the November 18 work session saying, "This is an opportunity to talk among ourselves, kinda see where we're headed on the sit-lie ordinance, this is an opportunity to take a look at this and figure out if you want to make any changes." He called on Urban Development Director Kristin Retherford for remarks.

Retherford related a brief history sit-lie in Salem, beginning with the failed passage in 2017, the appointment of the Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force (DHSTF), the implementation of its recommendations, the continued complaints from downtown businesses and the redrafting in 2019, and ending with the forums.

The stated goal of the work session, Retherford said, was to discuss the ordinance and provide direction to staff about any revisions, e.g., the four listed in the staff report.

Hoy asked the first question. He wanted to know the reason for the lack of progress implementing the DHSTF recommendations. Retherford blamed the fact that both Union Gospel Mission and the Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency, with whom the City has chosen to partner for the purpose of implementation, had major construction projects. Hoy asked when The ARCHES Project's ten personal property storage units would come on line. Retherford replied "early spring."

Councilor Andersen asked how staff could conclude the DHSTF recommendations were ineffective and that sit-lie was necessary, given that the recommendations had not been fully implemented? Retherford explained that the DHSTF recommendations don't address "behavioral issues." Andersen observed that City code currently addresses a number of relevant behavioral issues, for example, disorderly conduct, and asked what behavior did sit-lie address? Moore replied that sit-lie addresses camping, erecting campsites and structures and abandoned property.

Continuing his list, Moore added, "some of the unsightly issues that you see, with people that have carts of, uhm, property that could be two to ten in a row, just abandoned property. [The ordinance] has to do with litter, garbage and some of those things that are left there. And of course the sit-lie would probably have more to do with, uh, behavior and uhm, the things that may, uhm, uh, have an impact on the livability more of the downtown than anything else."

Moore paused and said, "You know, being homeless is not a crime, and the sit-lie and anything that we put together isn't going to solve homelessness. But since we first introduced this [in 2017], we've continued to have concerns about behavior downtown. It could be anything from disturbances and trespassing and criminal mischief, and you're right, we have ordinances that address those things. But we don't have the ability to address, uhm, people that are laying on the ground, and uh, scattered with property, perhaps passed out, perhaps drunk, we don't have a drunk-in-public ordinance in the state, and so it deals more with conduct issues that aren't necessarily criminal behavior in all cases. Some it is criminal behavior, but we have to be present and able to see it before we can do anything to enforce it."



"It's all in the eye of the beholder."



Nanke arrived late, around the time Andersen asked staff to rank the relative seriousness of the three problems the ordinance bill is intended to address-- camping, abandoned property and sit-lie. Retherford indicated that "the behavior piece and the property piece" together were the most serious, and gave as an example the City bench on the corner of Court and Commercial Streets which someone is using for storage, despite requests from the City to move the belongings somewhere else.

Andersen asked if the complaints were not about "visual issues" or "what it looks like downtown"? Retherford replied, "Looks like and smells like."

Moore said "It's all in the eye of the beholder...If you drive down Commercial Street, you think it's camping. If you happen to own a business, or go downtown



## Bench at Court and Commercial Streets

emotionally disturbed, and the fact that they're allowed to stay there and act the way the do is concerning to many people, so ranking them is really difficult. I think it's all dependent on what your view of the world is and where you're coming from."

Councilor Kaser asked if the City could prohibit public drunkenness, to which City Attorney Atchison answered no, such laws had been deemed unconstitutional. The Mayor asked about laws prohibiting vagrancy and loitering. Atchison informed him that Salem's vagrancy law (SRC 95.560 -- see here) had been repealed, and its prohibitions on loitering applied only to minors (SRC 95.390 and 96.140) (but see SRC 95.020, prohibiting "any person" from loitering in, on, around or about any stairway, aisle, hallway or any public place of business while drinking alcohol). Councilor Kaser asked if there were any laws prohibiting camping on parking strips and sidewalks. Moore said no.

Councilor Nordyke asked about people who'd been repeatedly arrested, wanting to know how effective that was. Moore said it wasn't, but the ordinance would "give an officer an opportunity to contact someone in the downtown area."



"Can the City prohibit public drunkenness?"

Now we can contact someone anytime, but they can tell us 'I don't want to talk to you, go away.' If we had an ordinance we would have a reason to contact someone, and the first thing we would do is to try and get them associated with some social services or some help that might stop that cycle [of arrests]...our officers hooking people up with services that might be of benefit to them, whether it's housing or alcohol or drug treatment, I think that's where we can make the difference, and I think this ordinance helps us do that.

Nordyke observed that there was nothing stopping providers and volunteers from offering services, and Moore agreed, adding that "the people we deal with downtown have been offered services over and over and over again, and they reject the opportunity to take advantage of them and that's why they are so difficult to deal with.



Complaints concern activity that's "already illegal."

Nordyke asked Retherford whether the Downtown Clean Team was doing what it needs to do, given the volume of complaints? Retherford said the Team is staffed to funding capacity and doesn't clean private property (like doorway alcoves) or in the alleys, which are the subject of a lot of the complaints. Nordyke asked about implementing a CAHOOTS model crisis assistance team. Retherford said the Good Neighbor Partnership was looking at it, but, as with the sobering center, funding was an issue.

Hoy said he was concerned about "uneven enforcement" and there being additional penalties for offenses committed inside one of the Crime Prevention Districts. Moore agreed the difference was "unfortunate", but "if you're going to keep anything, an exclusion zone in the downtown area would probably be most effective because that's where ARCHES and the

Gospel Mission is and the places that, for lack of a better term, draw more people. If you were to uncouple it, we would not be able to arrest for trespass."

Kaser asked whether enforcement of the camping ban and abandoned property provisions would be complaint driven? Moore said no, enforcement of the camping ban would be immediate (consistent with the notice provisions).

Andersen asked if there was "a certain percentage of people causing the problems." Moore responded by describing three groups of "homeless", those the police never have contact with, those who are "maybe passing through town and they take advantage of services...and move on," and those who are "service resistant" and

don't want to follow rules and regulations. They don't want to go places where they can't do drugs or drink or whatever, and I think those are the people we routinely deal with, who for three or four years we've gotten complaints about because we have no tools to change their behavior...and people are just tired of it. Those are the complaints and the calls that we get all the time.

Andersen asked if was true that neither the Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force nor the Good Neighbor Partnership had endorsed sit-lie. Retherford said that's correct. Andersen asked Atchison about sit-lie's constitutionality. Atchison assured him it was.

Hoy said that local non-profits were making plans to implement a CAHOOTS model as a pilot.

Nordyke asked about "homelessness drifting into the neighborhoods" and parks as they are pushed away from downtown services. Moore said the "ordinance wasn't designed to push anyone out of anywhere" but to "better control behavior." He said camping activity in parks had "certainly increased over the years and it may just be a sign of the times. There are lots of homeless people."

Bennett asked for suggestions for staff to have ready for the first reading on November 25. Hoy said his goal was to come up with the "least burdensome ordinance that could still impact livability in the City," and he would support a proposal to "decouple" the civil exclusion provisions and change the hours from 7a to 7p. Andersen said his main concern was with the sit-lie portion, and he would like the option to have it removed. He also wanted to include a June 2020 sunset provision. Kaser said she would support removing the sit-lie portion and would consider a sunset provision. Lewis said he was concerned about "diluting the ordinance" but didn't have any suggestions on how to revise the bill. Nordyke said she didn't think sit-lie would address the vast majority of complaints she's hearing, which involve activity that's "already illegal" and "not improved by sit-lie." She had no suggestions for bill revisions. Councilors Ausec and Nanke, who had not spoken at all during the work session, also had no suggestions.

Kaser asked how soon would the ordinance take effect. Atchison said 30 days after second reading, "so, in December."



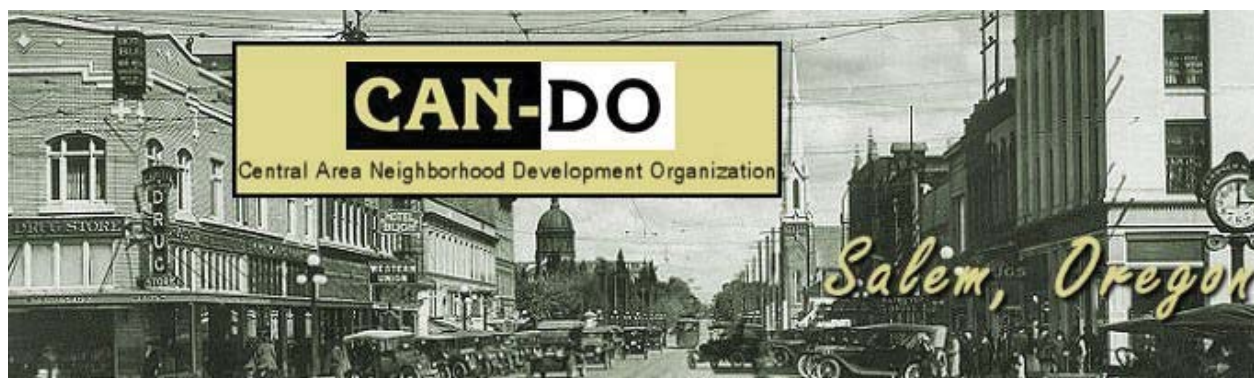
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Saturday, November 23, 2019

## Sit-Lie Targets People with Disabilities

By Sarah Owens and Michael Livingston

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NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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VEH	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	WEIGHT	MAKE	YEAR

YOU ARE EXCLUDED FROM PEDESTRIAN WAYS & PUBLIC WAYS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING AREA:

THE DOWNTOWN CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT/SRC 5.738: Pedestrian ways and public ways within the geographic area bounded on the north by the north curb line of Union Street, on the south by the south curb line of Trade Street, on the east by the east curb line of College Street and on the west, by the west curb line of First Street.

THE NORTH SALEM CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT/SRC 5.739: Pedestrian ways and public ways within the geographic area bounded on the west by the west curb line of First Street, NE, on the south by the south curb line of Market Street NE, on the east, the west side of the Union Pacific right of way between Market Street NE to the intersection with Silverton Road NE, continuing with the west curb line of Silverton Road NE to the east curb line of Hawthorne Avenue NE, continuing north to Hyacinth Street NE, on the north, the north curb line of Hyacinth Street NE to the Salem Parkway, bounded by the north/west curb line of the Salem Parkway to the north curb line of Tryon Street NE.

SALEM CITY PARKS/SRC 94.210: The following Salem City Parks \_\_\_\_\_

PARKING FACILITY/SRC 102.150: The following parking location \_\_\_\_\_

EXCLUSION PERIOD AND DATE (TIMES):  
On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM, you were arrested or cited for the following offense(s):

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 VIOLATION PREVIOUS EXCLUSION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS A MISDEMEANOR/TRESPASSOR/CR 50

This exclusion period is:  30 days       90 days

NOTE: If the above enumerated offense is a Class "A" misdemeanor or a felony, the period of exclusion stated below will be automatically extended for a period of one year, effective upon date of conviction.

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VIOLATION OF THIS EXCLUSION NOTICE MAY RESULT IN YOUR ARREST FOR TRESPASS.  
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO APPEAL THIS EXCLUSION.  
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If the City Council enacts Ordinance Bill 10-19 with a sit-lie provision -- with or without the civil exclusion penalty -- the City had better be prepared for a challenge from Disability Rights Oregon, based on what was said during the November 18 work session.

First, DRO is going to cite the Oregon law that prohibits cities from adopting any law that imposes civil penalties of any kind for "behavior that includes as one of its elements...being found in specified places under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or controlled substances." ORS 430.402.

DRO will then allege something along the lines of: Salem's "sidewalk behavior ordinance" is preempted by ORS 430.402, targets a protected class (people with disabilities) and is overbroad and unconstitutional **on its face** because it contains no exceptions for people with substance use or mental health disorders.

And DRO will cite as evidence these remarks by the Salem Police Chief (all emphasis added):

"We don't have the ability to address, uhm, *people that are laying on the ground*, and uh, scattered with property, *perhaps*

*passed out, perhaps drunk*, we don't have a drunk-in-public ordinance in the state, and so it deals more with conduct issues that aren't necessarily criminal behavior."

"[P]eople *laying on the sidewalk drunk, maybe drug-induced, maybe emotionally disturbed*, and the fact that they're allowed to stay there and act the way they do is concerning to many people."

"Now we can contact someone anytime, *but they can tell us 'I don't want to talk to you, go away.'* If we had an ordinance we would have a reason to contact someone, and the first thing we would do is to try and get them associated with some social services or some help that might stop that cycle [of arrests]...*our officers hooking*

*people up with services that might be of benefit to them, whether it's housing or alcohol or drug treatment."*

"[T]he people we deal with downtown have been offered services over and over and over again, and they reject the opportunity to take advantage of them and *that's why they are so difficult to deal with.*"

"[They are] "service resistant" and don't want to follow rules and regulations. *They don't want to go places where they can't do drugs or drink or whatever,* and I think those are the people we routinely deal with, who for three or four years we've gotten complaints about because we have no tools to change their behavior...and people are just tired of it. *Those are the complaints and the calls that we get all the time.*"

DRO will no doubt also cite the horrid "Persons who" findings in Section 2 of the ordinance, and assert that the ordinance's exception for people with certain "physical" disabilities shows the omission of any exception for people with substance use or mental health disorders was *deliberate and intended.*

Anyone who thinks to rely on assurances from Salem's legal advisors that Ordinance Bill 10-19 is constitutional should remember, these are the people who said parking strips were City parks for purposes of trespassing campers from them, that adjacent property owners had the right to trespass campers from parking strips, that four was a majority of eight, that the City was not required to provide a police report because a juvenile was involved, and that a City task force that included four City Councilors was not a public body.


Sit-lie is a bad law now, and forever. It cannot be made right, and the City will *lose* if it tries to defend it.



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State	OR
Zip	97381
Message	I'm writing in total opposition of the proposed sit-lie ordinance. As my friend said best: "We need to be creating more public spaces for resting, gathering and simply being — not pushing people out of sight." It's only going to make problems worse. We need to start putting our most vulnerable populations first, not trying to make them disappear.

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## Amy Johnson

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**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie ordinance

What would you do in this scenario: An 86 year old homeless woman using a walker and is in enormous leg and foot pain. Would you tell her she cannot sit or lie?

David Platt



## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Dianne Rush <ptl4harmony@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Opposing sit-lie ordinance

There are numerous reasons I oppose sit/lie not the least of these being that it discriminates against people with disabilities.

Dianne Rush

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Kai Sousa <kaisousa.seattle@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Proposed sit/lie ordinance

To all those concerned:

I am emailing to express my dissent regarding the proposed sit/lie ordinance. It is unconscionable that the city should take such an action at a time when authorities have also been forcing persons experiencing homelessness out of encampments all around town, pushing them into the heart of the city, to then prevent them from being able to sit or lie down during the day in the areas they've been forced into.

If this city were serious about dealing with its increasing homeless population, you'd be finding spaces for emergency shelters and finding resources/passing city ordinances to stop the flow of housed people into homelessness, and to help the unhoused back into housing, not pushing those unhoused people into a situation where they will wind up criminals who can't pay their fines [or eventually, their bail] for normal human needs like sitting down during daylight hours.

Shame on the city of Salem for suggesting to punish people who are suffering after herding them into the downtown area to begin with. DO BETTER, CITY OF SALEM!

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November 20, 2019

To: City Council

From: Lynelle Wilcox, on behalf of the Homeless Coalition

Attached are 385 letters opposing the proposed sit-lie ordinance, and 2 letters that seem to support the ordinance. Of the 385 letters opposing the proposed ordinance, 20 are from individuals living outside the Salem area, so 365 reflect input from individuals in Salem.

I'd usually think that letters speak for themselves, yet skimming or reading so many letters may be daunting, and the letters are form letters, which can be easy to dismiss. So it seems important to share about the process we used to collect the letters, along with demographic data and transcribed comments from some of the letters.

**Process for collecting input:** When we first learned that the city was re-considering a sit-lie ordinance, many advocates conveyed strong opposition and opinions about that. Yet we wanted to make sure that concerns we share reflect the realities of unsheltered individuals who would be most affected if the ordinance passed.

We wanted input from people who are unsheltered. Initially, I went out with paper and pens asked people if they want to write their views about sit-lie. Yet living on the streets in survival mode, not knowing where you might sleep tonight, lacking the comforts of a table and chair and calm head space for writing, and leaning over a pad in the heat or the rain on a curb or a sidewalk somehow isn't conducive to writing. (*Who knew?*)

So we shifted to doing extensive outreach to ask for input and serve as scribes to convey people's views about the ordinance, and about how the proposed consequences would play out in real people, real lives, real hearts.

The outreach was done from a data collection perspective, with no attempts to influence anyone's views - we wanted to reflect accurate perceptions and responses without our own biases coloring people's input. We created the form letter only after we'd spoken to many, many individuals to collect their views, based on the input we gathered.

There are a few different version of the letter, yet they each convey the same main points and concerns.

**Process for collecting signatures and/or comments:**

- In sharing the form letter for people to consider signing, we always asked first if they were ok if we talked to them, and we respected any "no" without any pressure.
- We encouraged people to read the letter in full, or we summarized points verbally before the person signed.
- We encouraged people to cross out any sections that do not fit their views, and we encouraged people to also write comments, or to write their own letter, and we provided paper and pens for people to do so if they wished.
- We conveyed support of whatever perspectives fit them, whether they oppose or support the ordinance.
- We want a process that reflects integrity, so we did not accept signatures from anyone who seemed like they would sign anything we put in front of them, or from people who were not seeming to understand the letter.
- We shared the letter with individuals at Arches, UGM, HOAP, Marion Square Park, Lancaster Drive, South Salem/Commercial area, the Transit Center/bus mall, ROCC, Project ABLE, Inside Out, various meals for unsheltered individuals, and other events and areas, as we did outreach or lived our daily lives.

**Attachments:**

- **SUMMARY OF SIT-LIE CONCERNS**
- **DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**
- **TRANSCRIBED COMMENTS** - Comments that reflect ideas, and/or relevant details and context not contained in the form letter are transcribed in this summary. (*Relevance is subjective.*)
- **SIT-LIE OPPOSITION LETTER** - Actual signed letters are also submitted for public record, opposing the proposed sit-lie ordinance. The letter is attached here as well just in case letters get separated from this summary.

## SUMMARY OF SIT-LIE CONCERNS

### CONCERNS CONVEYED IN SIT-LIE OPPOSITION LETTERS

Concept	Concerns/details	# who conveyed this perspective
Common ground	We all want sidewalk behaviors that enable clear and safe passage.	365
Effective strategies to address situations that sometimes occur	Relational strategies are happening and more are available; those strategies usually are effective.	365
Accountability	<p>Unsheltered accountability: Focus on accountability of behaviors. Consequences already exist for inappropriate behaviors. (<i>Conversations about behavior accountability often conveyed that if there are gaps in laws to enforce appropriate behavior, fix that.</i>)</p> <p>City accountability: There is lack of legal, safe, and dignified ways to meet basic human needs. (<i>Task Force recommendations are mostly unimplemented; some are happening in the future, yet that doesn't help anything now.</i>)</p>	365
Why people sit/lie on sidewalks	Resting on sidewalks during daytimes is more visible and safer. You walk a LOT when you are homeless; it's exhausting. Many people who sleep downtown are more vulnerable individuals. Many have been victims of multiple assaults, robberies, rapes. There is nowhere else to go that fits the ban hours; day centers don't have capacity to fit downtown individuals who are homeless.	365
Sit-lie concerns	<p>Sit-lie targets people who are poor, homeless, tired, and seeking safety.</p> <p>Sit-lie drives people away from services and into less safe areas.</p> <p>Sit-lie penalizes people for acts of living/basic human needs, and discriminates against people with disabilities.</p> <p>Sit-lie creates a status crime - criminalizing where people rest, even if behaviors are appropriate and passage is clear. Focus on behavior; not on sharing public space when people have no home for resting.</p> <p>Sit-lie ignores the lack of shelter space, the lack of day center space - especially for women, and the huge disparity in day center hours and ban hours. A city-wide ban leaves nowhere to go during ban hours.</p> <p>City Council meetings do not enable equitable citizenship. (<i>Unsheltered individuals may need to choose to have dinner or to attend a City Council meeting; they risk having property stolen when they are at the meeting, or they need to find someone to watch their belongings. Public forums did happen for sit-lie input, yet forums do not have the presence of the City Council to hear individuals' input.</i>)</p> <p>Sit-lie's consequences further marginalizes people who are unsheltered, making it HARDER to move forward.</p> <p>Sit-lie does nothing to enable dignified, legal ways for people to meet basic human needs. (<i>Some options for meeting basic human needs were recommendations of the Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force that have not been implemented.</i>)</p>	365

### POINTS CONVEYED IN LETTERS THAT SEEM TO SUPPORT SIT-LIE

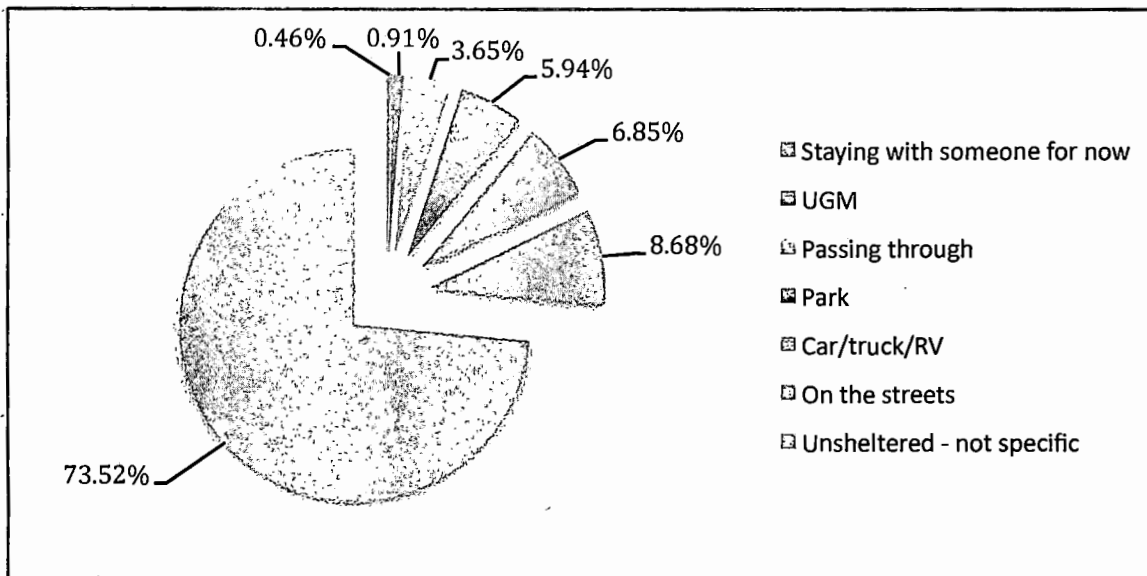
Find appropriate shelter	Downtown homeless should find correct shelter.	1
Sit lie targets behavior	Individuals are not targeted; sit-lie targets disrespectful attitude, littering, etc.	1

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FROM LETTERS OPPOSING SIT-LIE

Letters opposing the proposed sit-lie ordinance	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Unknown	Subtotal	Minus non-Salem signers	Total letters from Salem individuals
<b>Letters submitted by groups:</b>						
Homeless Coalition	47	0	0	47	-1	46
Unitarian Universalist Church	56	0	0	56	-13	43
HomeBase Shelters of Salem	<i>Letter coming soon</i>	<i>Will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> reading packet</i>				
<b>Letters submitted by individuals:</b>						
Letters submitted with comments <i>(comments all or partly transcribed in summary)</i>	18	52	0	70	-1	69
Letters submitted with comments <i>(comments are not transcribed in summary)</i>	3	41	0	44	-3	41
Letters submitted without comment	38	126	4	168	-2	166
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>Percent of total sit-lie letters opposing sit-lie ban</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>105%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Breakdown of unsheltered responses	Percent	Qty
Staying with someone for now	0.46%	1
UGM	0.91%	2
Passing through	3.65%	8
Park	5.94%	13
Car/truck/RV	6.85%	15
On the streets	8.68%	19
Unsheltered - not specific	73.52%	161
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>219</b>

## Breakdown of unsheltered responses



## TRANSCRIBED COMMENTS

Some written comments are transcribed if the comments reflected ideas, and/or relevant details and context not contained in the form letter. (*Relevance is subjective.*) Some comments are also transcribed in order to make it easier to read the input.

1. A lot of the homeless people I know sleep on sidewalks because they feel safer out in the open. Safer from being robbed or beaten up or raped.
2. It affects everyone and myself because if there is any reason someone has to sit down for an injury or not feeling good, there's a chance we could get a ticket or whatever consequence may be put upon us.
3. We get pushed farther and farther away from safe places. I'm disabled senior. There isn't many safe places. I have been robbed and beaten a number of times. There is people that prey on us, not necessarily nomads either.
4. I live in camper with my disabled woman of 23 years. We would be devastated; should be about behavior.
5. We don't want to pay you to kick us out of public place when what we need is for you to pass program for property. We can't pay your fee and fines. Waste of time and funds could help all. One citizen of USA.
6. This will not work. It will cause chaos and more violence - pushing them out farther from help if and when they need it.
7. I live in a 19 foot camper with my partner of 23 years. I am one of the lucky ones who have a shelter for now. Please help people who need it most. God Bless!
8. I will keep short but basically the City of Salem needs to focus more on solving its homeless problem which I understand is a large one. Please spend less time trying to criminalize being homeless. I hope we will all just stay out of sight and therefore out of mind.
9. I became homeless, lost my house I was buying, after 21 years of driving semi-trucks due to medical condition which left me barely able to walk. It took years to get SS disability. My SS check makes it impossible to rent a house or apartment due to the cost of rent prices today. Took long to get Section 8 - on list for 3 years.
10. Give designated areas if you don't like how it looks in our city. It's only getting worse and more need of areas. Every state wastes so much money on useless events. Use that for toilets and trash collectors. Make it be kept clean. You need to experience it, try doing you car for three days; you'll have a different opinion.



11. Some people have sleeping disorders. For there people this would be a bad law with certain of these disable people have no choice where or when they fall asleep and this law would make it illegal for them to go anywhere or do anything.
12. The city needs to work more with the homeless and not against us.
13. Homeless need to have a safe place to rest and a lot of times daylight hours are safest time to do that.
14. Keep people safe; get homeless off streets. Congress has to act now.
15. 9 hour surgery; 13 day hospital; 13 rounds chemo; finished this 1 year ago; stage 4 colon cancer.
16. As a female that is homeless oftentimes I myself or other women I know who are homeless are alone and don't have a man with us to protect us. To sleep outside anywhere without any kind of coverage like tent is extremely dangerous. I have (as many women have) experienced the horrors of being raped many times since having been forced into homelessness 3 years ago.
17. Some of the homeless cannot get around to get out of the city limits. The weather is harsh on older ones and they need their tents to get out of the danger of exposure.
18. I sit outside to wait for lunch or dinner and I sleep on the sidewalk while I wait for housing. I'm disabled and recently broke my hip and use a walker so I don't get around very well.
19. Why is it illegal for this 30 year old vet to just live.
20. Homeless would not be able to rest. We don't have homes, don't have jobs. We get harassed every day by the people and cops. Instead of bugging us and arresting us for sleeping or sitting, start cracking down on drug users or life threatening crimes.
21. I believe this ordinance will just upset or hinder homeless people more than they already are. This will only cause more resentment and spite among the homeless because as this opposition (letter) states, we have nowhere to go. Ultimately this will only lead to more wrongful arrests because now the hours of 0700 to 2100 the police have a municipal citation to legally cite and/or arrest you.
22. Homeless need a safe place to sleep and rest in the day time.
23. I being homeless myself, it difficult just to survive with bare minimum. Salem is not homeless friendly, if you could find a place we could be it would be different. ODOT had plenty of money to provide dumpsters, porta potties so there would be less clean up.
24. I generally don't spend much time in central areas of Salem but I do understand both sides of the crisis. The biggest issue is the question presented: "where do you want people to be?" That answer for many is unfortunately "somewhere else"!! Salem being the capitol hosts many VIPs and our homeless crisis is not what the city wants them to run into face to face. Involving homeless in planning and restoration is a great start.
25. This ordinance will not fix it.
26. I think it's a great idea to stop this. It will be too costly and too much time for our police force. Thank you.
27. Provide tables (fixed to sidewalk) and chairs in designated areas such as the park in the areas where the homeless are fed.
28. Those at the Mission cannot be inside 24/7 and are required to leave during certain times with nowhere to go but out into Salem streets.
29. Some people don't have enough money for a place to stay. Some places like missions kick people out for no reasons and don't have enough beds for the growing homeless community. I feel we should have more missions and places for the homeless that won't kick them out for ridiculous reasons.
30. The only issue should be garbage or being in others' way.
31. Was a nurse for most of her life. Husband was a successful property manager. She went blind. He developed cancer and cannot work. Also hesitant to leave her alone since she can no longer see.

32. This would affect a lot of good people in the community. I know these people contribute more to the community than people would ever believe.
33. This ordinance is by far NOT the answer. Once homeless or forced into homelessness the only way out is having help financially, mentally, and/or a place to go at night. Community means a group of people coming together to help others. History always repeats. I am one of the leaders at Church at the Park. Our mission is to help provide relief from hunger through shared meals. Input: Arches could set up safe place to store (like warming centers).
34. Get people who stay at such places, such as Cascade Park, involved in the care and upkeep of the area. Most people would gladly participate in this. People who are pitching tents on the sidewalk are being rebellious jerks. They could find somewhere better to be. You never feel completely comfortable anywhere though because you could be told to leave any time.
35. It would cause people to be less calm and more violent towards normal people.
36. Unfair to homeless. What if YOU were homeless?
37. I am concerned, if this passed, that it would make life more difficult for the homeless in Salem, as would finding somewhere to stay even more difficult. Police and some citizens have been driving the homeless from their camps, prosecuting for trespass, and harassment despite not being provoked. I am worried about my future and my homeless friends in Salem. We need a safe sustainable environment to live in without fear or reprimand or judgment. Thank you. Additionally, I work full time and have been driven from 4 camps. I need somewhere safe to sleep at night.
38. All the shelters you guys think is overnight... well you are wrong because there is a waiting list. I'm worried and stressed for my girlfriend that is pregnant ... These shelters help with only food, water, showers.
39. We need to concentrate on real drug habits and neglected mental health....
40. It would take me away from the downtown where I need to see the food I need and the resources I need to find a place to live.
41. I've been homeless for six years. I have been attacked, robbed, and two tents destroyed. The police are overwhelmed and out numbered. We try to watch out for each other but we cant' be everywhere either. Some work, yet even then, we can't afford a house/apartment.
42. We feel this would not be a good idea to send the homeless from downtown Salem without giving the homeless another place that they can gather at and find shelter and cool places.
43. This is an opportunity to make a difference for a growing homeless population. We need to find solutions that will help people who are already suffering, not torment them by making it impossible to survive with physical and mental well being intact.
44. HOAP, Arches, other places to go are very, very crowded and hard to relax at.
45. Maybe there can be designated areas for the homeless to sleep and rest? Walking everywhere in the heat is bad for anybody. People who are unfortunate to not have anywhere cool in the heat to rest I've seen more hospital visits from the homeless. There is always a few bad eggs in any part of society. But sometimes when incidents happen it's because they have mental health problems.
46. Many people walk throughout the day and need to rest. The sit-lie ordinance would prevent us from being able to do that. More than the homeless, but everyday people and families. Try opening public parks away from schools and/or church to allow our homeless population a place to be during the day until night fall.
47. Need to make more public restrooms and more housing little by little we are being restricted. The police are abusing any authority given to them.
48. Everybody deserves the right to sit down and rest. The homeless are without a home so they have no choice but to be outside and previously sit and or lay where they can. I'd like to see a common ground
49. Will create more problems. Unconstitutional. Not in my city of Peace!

50. We need to improve low income housing, not restrict those who can't afford to change their situation.
51. I have many friends and peers in the community that are "homeless". I don't think setting stricter rules on where a human is in their life and where they can be is the solution; I think we should focus more on the safety of downtown and treating those in a situation we've never been in with more respect and understanding.
52. Where do the homeless go? The shelters can only take so many. You need to come up with something.
53. What if it's already been done. Been there, done that. Doesn't work.
54. I think it is not right for you to tell the homeless that they can't be here. They are people too. Stop trying to push them out and just try to help them.
55. The need for shelters and affordable housing is at an all time high. Something needs to be done now.
56. Why isn't the old Fairview Training Center open for the homeless? What a waste of building just sitting there.
57. I'm not homeless, however I'm elderly, dress mostly in 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes, get tired, get sleepy, and been mistaken for homeless. So if I nod off sitting downtown and not in time to be warned and excluded? This shows I think, that this ordinance would have unintended consequences.
58. The city needs to work on Housing First.
59. Hiding our homeless does not work.
60. Everyone has to sleep somewhere. I would like to see proactive plans in helping house homeless rather than taking punitive actions against them.
61. Not enough low income housing or places to hang out that are safe.
62. I feel that it's wrong for you (City Council) to kick our homeless community out. They have no place to go! You need to put you or a family member in their place.
63. The amount of danger and assault that occur when pushing homeless people to less safe and visible places is terrifying. Please change zoning rules to allow leases to more than 5 people in single family zoning. This makes group housing programs difficult.
64. As someone who has been homeless, it is not an easy life. Through the ongoing support of Arches I was able to overcome. Now, I have stable housing my health is improving.
65. I have been homeless and nameless and have taken a break downtown just sit and been harassed for taking a break. And when I became un-homeless and rode my bike downtown, same thing happened again even just getting off a bus and shopping dressed nice, it happened.
66. Seems to support sit-lie ban: I would like to see sitting homeless in downtown Salem finding correct shelter like using and going to the UGM.
67. Supports the ordinance: I don't believe it's the individuals being targeted, but the disrespectful attitude they exhibit with littering, etc. etc.

July 2019

TO:

- Mayor, **Chuck Bennett**
- City Manager, **Steve Powers**
- Urban Development Director, **Kristin Retherford**
- Salem Police Chief, **Jerry Moore**
- City Council members: **Cara Kaser, Tom Andersen, Brad Nanke, Jackie Leung, Matt Ausec, Chris Hoy, Sally Cook, Jim Lewis**

**This letter is to convey strong opposition to the proposed sit/lie ordinance that would ban tents and other structures from sidewalks at all hours, and ban sleeping or laying on sidewalks and other public rights-of-way from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm throughout the entire city of Salem.**

**Common ground:** Businesses need to be easily and safely accessible for their customers to walk and shop freely. That common ground provides a basis for collaboration about what to do when inappropriate behaviors occur.

**Consequences ALREADY exist:** In general, unsheltered individuals who stay in downtown areas are people who are more vulnerable for theft and violence, so they opt for places that are more public and well-lit so they might be safer. Police already can act when there are inappropriate behaviors, so the means for consequences already exists.

Even with the intent for a sit/lie ordinance to focus first on warning, resource-sharing, and then exclusion, before further consequences may be implemented, a sit/lie ordinance creates more punitive consequences that will make it HARDER for unsheltered individuals to develop basic stability that is often necessary for moving forward.

**Basic human needs:** Being homeless involves a LOT of walking - to get to meals, showers, day centers, shelters, medical appointments, job preparation/job search meetings, service provider offices, etc. Walking everywhere is exhausting. Sometimes people really NEED to sleep, even in the daytime, because it's riskier and scarier to sleep at night. Sleep is a basic human need, and a sit/lie ordinance ends up targeting unsheltered individuals simply for trying to meet that basic human need.

Many people have no choice but to sleep outside - there are not enough shelter beds for the people who need them, and people also need some shelter from the elements as another basic human need. The proposed sit/lie ordinance is cruel - it will result in a lot of sleep deprivation, more stress and mental health struggles from constantly not knowing where you can go; it will lead to physical health problems, safety risks, and more people being raped and assaulted after being forced to move into unsafe areas. It puts many people's lives at higher risk.

**Nowhere to go:** Although more shelters and beds will be available in the long term future, for many people, there is no place to be. Arches closes at 3:00 pm; HOAP closes at 2:00 pm and both are closed on weekends (and some HOAP hours are women only); Salvation Army has guests leave soon after breakfast until dinner time. Most parks close in the evening, and parks are only a viable option in good weather. Since this proposed ordinance would apply to all of Salem, where do you want unsheltered individuals to BE between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm?

The proposed ordinance disables access to some basic human needs, reduces dignity, and doesn't allow for reasonable, compassionate existence of many people who have no home. It isn't acceptable

to criminalize existence, even if that is a result, and not an intent of the proposed ordinance.

**Disabilities:** Inappropriate behaviors often are a symptom of a health, mental health, or other disability, whether that disability is PTSD, trauma, addiction, anxiety, depression, cognitive, physical, or other disabilities. A sit/lie ordinance does nothing to reduce homelessness or inappropriate behaviors - health or disabilities cannot be cured via any ordinance. The proposed sit/lie ordinance solves nothing, and ends up discriminating against many people with disabilities.

**Inequitable input opportunity:** Many of us have concerns about the proposed sit/lie ordinance and would like to attend and possibly testify. Yet unsheltered individuals also need to eat, and City Council meetings are often at 6:00 pm - the same timeframe that meals are served at UGM and Arches. Yet even without a schedule conflict, it is too risky for many of us to leave our belongings for an extended timeframe to attend the City Council meeting. There needs to be a way for Individuals who will be most impacted by sit/lie consequences to safely participate in these conversations.

**Summary:** The proposed ordinance cannot resolve inappropriate behaviors, yet we already have consequences to implement as needed. The proposed ordinance significantly reduces safety and dignity; it discriminates against people with disabilities; it criminalizes aspects of existence; it creates more challenge and hardship for unsheltered individuals to meet basic human needs of having a place to exist, sleep, and have shelter from the elements.

**Alternatives:** Instead of the proposed sit/lie ordinance, what if the city:

- Encourages further collaboration to resolve occasional inappropriate behavior issues.
- Proactively seeks input from businesses, advocates, AND unsheltered individuals for the proposed ordinance, to enable equitable input opportunity and creative, collaborative options.
- Identifies short and long term options for legal, dignified ways to meet basic human needs of having a place to be, being able to sleep, availability of legal appropriate rest rooms, and shelter from the elements. How could we create that more positive future instead of criminalizing being homeless?

Please consider the alternatives.

Sincerely,

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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3 letters from  
groups opposing sit-lic  
(103 signatures)



July 15, 2019

27 SIGNERS

TO:

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**Expanded scope:** The initial Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force seemed to be formed specifically because downtown businesses were dealing with some unsheltered individuals sleeping in their doorways, sometimes behaving inappropriately, and sometimes being in the way of customers having easy access to and from the shops. To have the scope suddenly become city-wide is a surprise that goes beyond the work, conversations, and collaborations that were initially about downtown. A city-wide scope is entirely different, and would warrant adequate time and opportunity for extensive citizen engagement, especially including the individuals who are most likely to be negatively impacted by the proposed ordinance.

**For the initial concerns, there is common ground!** In conversations with sheltered and unsheltered individuals, every person has conveyed that people should not block store entrances when businesses are open, and behaviors need to enable people to walk and shop freely. That common ground provides a basis for a collaborative approach to resolving situations that sometimes come up, and also aligns with the Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force recommendation to develop a partnership between businesses & service providers.

**Collaboration is happening!** And as a result, downtown Salem "Room Service" teams share coffee and smiles with unsheltered neighbors each morning, as they also encourage the individuals to go to day centers, and they share about services, supports, and other resources. Additionally, some service providers are now main contacts for the occasional times when behaviors are not criminal, yet are not appropriate, so those situations can often be de-escalated and resolved without involving police.

**These steps address the initial concerns and scope of the Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force,** and other collaborative projects to offer more supports are in the planning or development stage. A sit/lie ordinance isn't necessary and undermines partnership development work.

**Consequences ALREADY exist:** In general, unsheltered individuals who stay in downtown areas are people who are more vulnerable for theft and violence, so they opt for places that are more public and well-lit so they might be safer. Police already can act when there are inappropriate behaviors, so the means for consequences already exists.

Even with the intent for a sit/lie ordinance to focus first on warning, resource-sharing, and then exclusion, before further consequences may be implemented, this sit/lie ordinance creates fewer places for people to be, and more punitive consequences that will make it HARDER for unsheltered

individuals to develop basic stability that is often necessary for moving forward. That result is contrary to enabling hope and progress that we all wish for.

**Basic human needs:** Unsheltered neighbors consistently share that being homeless involves a LOT of walking - to get to meals, showers, day centers, shelters, medical appointments, job preparation/job search meetings, service provider offices, etc. Walking everywhere is exhausting. People may really NEED to sleep, even in the daytime, because it is riskier and scarier to sleep at night. Sleep is a basic human need, and a sit/lie ordinance ends up targeting unsheltered neighbors simply for trying to meet that basic human need.

People also need some shelter from the elements as another basic human need. Unsheltered neighbors' lives are already at higher risk, with more likelihood of dying young on the streets. A sit/lie ordinance that bans tents and protective structures at any time of day is cruel and puts unsheltered neighbors' lives at even higher risk.

**Disabilities:** Sit/lie is often presented as another tool for law enforcement to deal with inappropriate behaviors, yet those behaviors are usually a symptom of a mental health or other disability (ie. PTSD, trauma, addiction, anxiety, depression, cognitive, physical, or other disabilities.) Even if unsheltered individuals did not have a disability initially, the stress of living in survival mode often causes anxiety, depression, PTSD, and trauma, so many people who are homeless experience a disability.

In some cases, disability may result in some inappropriate behaviors. A sit/lie ordinance does nothing to reduce homelessness or those behaviors - disabilities cannot be cured via any ordinance. A sit/lie ordinance narrows the already limited options for where people can sleep or sit, and ends up discriminating against many people with disabilities.

**Not enough places to be:** Information about the proposed ordinance includes words about resources: *"Over the past several years, due to the City Council's priority of addressing our community's homeless, a variety of options are available for food, shelter, storage, and other personal needs. Available services include Arches, Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, parks and city benches, or churches or social service agencies who allow such activity."*

Although more shelters and beds will be available in the long term future, even then, there won't be enough beds to shelter all unsheltered individuals. And since this proposed ordinance extends beyond downtown, to all of Salem, where do we want unsheltered individuals to BE between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm?

Day center options fall way short of meeting the need. Salvation Army guests must leave after breakfast until dinner time; Arches' day center closes at 3:00 pm; HOAP day center closes at 2:00 pm. In the downtown area, and in the ordinance's expanded city-wide scope, the 7:00 am to 9:00 pm ban leaves many people with nowhere to go, and many individuals experience disabilities where getting from one place to another is a significant challenge or impossibility.

The proposed sit/lie ordinance disables access to some basic human needs, reduces dignity, and does not allow for reasonable, compassionate existence for many people who have no home. It isn't acceptable to criminalize existence, even if that is a result, and not an intent of the proposed ordinance.

**Inequitable input opportunity:** Many unsheltered neighbors are conveying concerns about the proposed sit/lie ordinance and would like to attend and possibly testify. Yet many also convey that

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Whether or not a sit/lie ordinance is implemented, it is crucial to enable due process of equitable input opportunities for citizen engagement so that business owners AND unsheltered neighbors and advocates have equity to weigh in with their thoughts and possible solutions.

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July 15, 2019

20 SIGNERS

TO:

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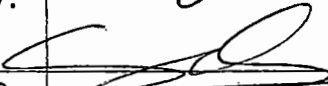

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11.	Melissa Hadeen	4137 Geranium Loop NE SALEM, OR 97305
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52	4. RICHARD K YORK	3002 ELLIS AVENUE SALEM OR 97301
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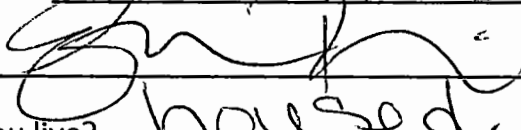
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Sincerely,

Printed Name:

Erica Ruiz

Signature:



Where do you live?

housed.

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: Sharon Apple

Signature: Sharon Apple

Where do you live? 954 Huron Court SE Salem 97302

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Printed Name: Keleigh Dull

Signature: Keleigh Dull

Address: 3213 Center St. NE Salem OR 97307

Comments:

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Printed Name: Mary Pugh

Signature: Mary Pugh

Address: 1096 Capitol St. N.E. Salem, OR 97301

Comments:

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*is a ~~canxco~~ catastrophe - Grow up!*

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*any 2 yr, old or anybody could do  
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Printed Name: D-TAYLOR

Signature: Deb Taylor

Address: 1240 Roywood Ave. - OR. SE, Salem 97302

Comments: what if its already been done. Been there done. that doesn't work of course it doesn't work & why do you want to do the same thing, its so simple to try something new! you don't care! period! This homeless situation.

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Printed Name: Jessika Bennett

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Address: 740 Bentley St South

Comments:

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Printed Name: Theresa A. Watson

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Address: 484 Heffley St. S. Monmouth, OR

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Printed Name: Tina Altamirano

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Address: 3958 Witter Ln. NE Salem, Ore 97305

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: MARY SUSAN MOORE

Signature: Mary Susan Moore

Address: 1780 Norway St. NE Salem 97301

Comments: I'm not homeless-however, am elderly, dress mostly in 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand clothes, get tired, get sleepy, and been mistaken for homeless. So - if I nod off sitting downtown, and not in line to be warned and excluded?? This shows, I think, that this ordinance would have unintended consequences.



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Printed Name: Susan D. ROBINSON

Signature: Susan D Robinson

Address: 4716 Dakota Rd SE

Comments: Hiding our homeless does not work

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Printed Name:

Lisa Lillio

Signature:

Lisa Lillio

Address:

843 Hawthorne Ave NE Salem OR

Comments:

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Printed Name: Angelica Hunter

Signature: Angelica Hunter

Address: 1940 Lana Ave Space 16 Salem, OR 97301

Comments: not enough low income housing or places to hang out that are safe



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Printed Name: Terin de Avalon

Signature: 

Address: 1099 23<sup>rd</sup> St SE Salem 97301

Comments:

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Printed Name: CLAY PETERSON

Signature: 

Address: 1515 1ST ST NE SALEM OR

Comments:

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Printed Name:

Tammy Kunz

Signature:

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Address:

2021 Kennedy Ct NE, Keizer, OR 97303  
971-600-3108 Home phone.

Comments:

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Printed Name: Jacqueline M Green

Signature: Jacqueline M Green

Address: 2001 Kennedy Circle NE, Keizer, Or. 97301

Comments:

I have been homeless and homeless and have  
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Signature: Christian Szoke

Address: 1713 Madras St SE Apt #23 Salem 97301

Comments:

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Where do you live? 650 Locust st NE Salem O.R.

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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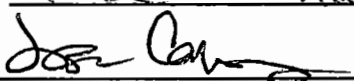
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Printed Name:

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Comments:

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Printed Name: Tehra Savage

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Where do you live? In my car

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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Printed Name: Malaysia Harrison

Signature: Malaysia Harrison

Where do you live? Salem, O.R

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Brandon Hagemann

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Where do you live?

Salem, OR

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Signature: Debra Rice

Address: West Salem, Edgewater District

Comments:  
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Printed Name: Vincent or Robbie Warmack

Signature: Vincent Warmack, Robbie Warmack

Address: Homeless

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Address: ~~111~~ DOWNE ST SE

Comments: Homeless ARE People

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*Beneficiary, entrust Implied, Express, and Manifest in the Constitution*  
Printed Name: Fundamental law on the land: Keith Bernard: A-land  
*at the hand of*  
Signature: Autographe: Keith Bernard: A-land *Security Bond # 527-45-2730*

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Printed Name: Rian A. Carlin

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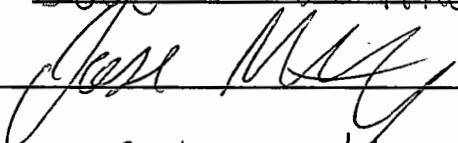
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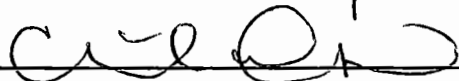
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Printed Name: Chantel Draper (503) 607-8590

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Printed Name: Ben LeMire

Signature: *Ben LeMire*

Where do you live? S. Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

un FAIR to Homeless —

WHAT IF YOU were homeless?



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Where do you live? sidewalks and streets

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: Kristi Hauser

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Where do you live? With the ducks & Deese at [REDACTED]

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Getting the people who stay at places, such as Cascade Park, involved in the care & upkeep of the area. Most people would gladly participate in this.

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Printed Name: John Yarbrough

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Can't say other than, HOMELESS

However, this Ord. is by far NOT the answer. One homeless or forced into homelessness the only way out is having help financially, mentally and or a place to go at night.

Community means, a group of people coming together to help other →  
History always repeats.

I am one of the Leaders at Church@ The Park, our mission to help provide relief from Hunger thru shared meals. (see attachment)

Input Opportunity's Arches could set up safe place to store (Like during warming center)



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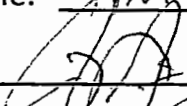
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SALEM OR

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Printed Name:

*Patty S. Thomas*

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Where do you live?

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*Patricia J. Thomas*  
*Patricia was a nurse for most of her life. Her husband was a successful property manager. She went blind. He developed cancer and cannot work and also he is hesitant to leave Patty alone since she can no longer see.*

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Salem

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Printed Name: Breanna Bakies

Signature: Breanna Nichole Bakies

Where do you live? McMinville & Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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And don't have enough beds for the growing homeless  
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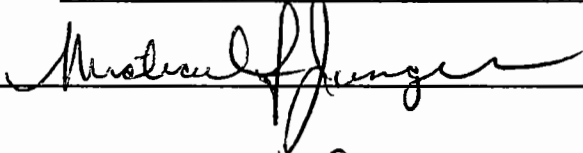
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Printed Name: Michael Junger

Signature: 

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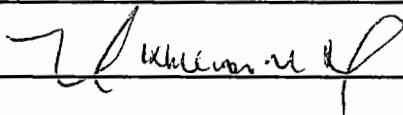
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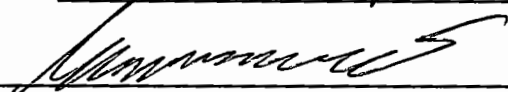
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more harassment

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Printed Name: Lillian Buchanan

Signature: 

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Printed Name: Tammie V. Cline

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Where do you live? vehicle around Salem area mostly

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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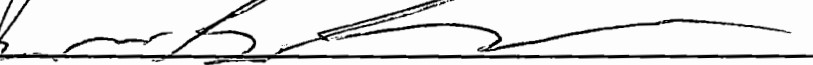
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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Julie Steide

Signature: 

Address: Homeless

Comments: I Being homeless my self it def would just do some with bare minimum Salem is not homeless friendly, if you could find or make a place we all could be it would be different cost had plenty of money to provide Amasent, porta potties so that would be less clean... ~~let~~

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Printed Name: Ernestine Seng

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Where do you live? Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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Printed Name: Gary Higgins

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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Printed Name: KAR / BRYAN

Signature: GEORGE BRYAN

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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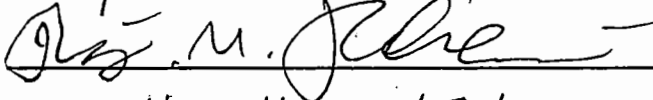
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Printed Name: Travis M. Frankish

Signature: 

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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Printed Name:

Roger Austin

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Homeless/future Home Owner

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name:

Kristia Heath

Signature:

*Kristia Heath*

Where do you live?

Homeless NE Area of Salem

503-783-8185  
(text only)

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: LARRY MARSH

Signature: Larry Marsh

Address: Homeless (cascado lake)

Comments:

9 HR surgery 13 day Hospital

13 rounds ChemO

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Finished this 1 yr ago

stage 4 colon cancer

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: MARK MAXWELL

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Address: Homeless

Comments: KEEP PEOPLE SAFE get Homeless  
OFF STREET Washington DC  
CAN ~~FOR~~ DO IT CONGRESS HAS  
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Signature: 

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Printed Name:

Kelly Teves

~~573~~ - 541-513-5809

Signature:

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Address:

Homeless

Comments:

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Printed Name: Richard D. Strait

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Printed Name:

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in CASCADE Gateway Park in my CAR

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Give them designated AREAS IF YOU DON'T LIKE HOW IT LOOKS IN OUR CITY, ITS ONLY GETTING WORSE AND MORE NEED OF AREAS, EVERY STATE WASTES SO MUCH MONEY ON USELESS CAR + Events. USE THAT FOR BILLETTS & TRASH COLLECTORS. MAKE IT BE KEPT CLEAN etc... You need to EXPERIENCE it try doing your CAR for 3 days, you'll have A different opinion

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Printed Name: Michael Russell

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Where do you live? In a Travel Trailer (all over)

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I've come home less (lost my home I was buying)  
after 21 years of driving semi-trucks, do to  
med. cond. which left me barely able  
to walk, it took 1 year to get on  
SS dish. ~~with~~ my SS check makes  
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Printed Name: Donald O'Hagan

Signature: Donald O'Hagan

Where do you live? Homeless

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Roshena JANE Sargeant

Signature: Roshena Sargeant

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

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OF PUBLIC PLACE. When what we need is  
for you to pass program for ~~poverty~~ ~~poor~~  
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Printed Name: Franklin Holt

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Where do you live? in a 14 foot camper

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Disabled woman at 23 years old  
and dog I we would be  
Devestated should be respect for  
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Where do you live? Car

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Where do you live? in a park

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: Gregory Schmidt

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Address: 1842 Woodstock Cir. NW

Comments:

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Willing to testify  
HOAP / HELENE

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Printed Name:

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Where do you live?

ON THE STREET

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willing to testify  
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Sincerely,

Printed Name:

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Signature:

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on the streets

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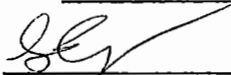
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Address: Homeless

Comments: Unjust, not understanding, cruel, inhumane  
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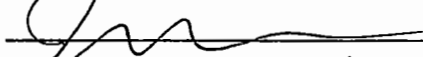
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James Vandyle

Signature:



Address:

610 Commercial St NE Salem OR 97301

Comments:

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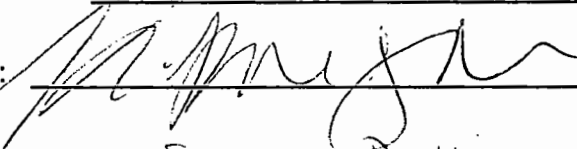
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you are wrong they help us with food, water &  
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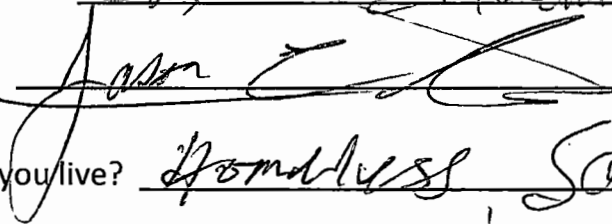
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Sincerely,

Printed Name:

JASON SILVERA

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Where do you live?

Homeless, Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name:

Mauricio Reyes Hernandez

Signature:



Where do you live?

all over Salem

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You can't ignore the problem with your front step.

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Printed Name: Alan Campbell

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Where do you live? No Home

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

When you have no home and you have no where to go then what are we to do or go it would make it worse we would have to find some where to go like home for sale or park this is not a good idea



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Printed Name:

PARKISON, VICTOR A

Signature:

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Where do you live?

HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD

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Printed Name: Thomas D. Wang

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Signature: 

Where do you live? Portland OR

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

I think there should be more programs in place to help people in need.

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Where do you live? My Parents House

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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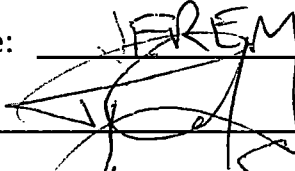
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MADON, SALEM, OR

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Glenda Garinger

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Where do you live?

in van

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Where do you live? Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name:

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might testify  
503-387-0506

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West Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name:

Matthew Hyland

Signature:

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here now (nowhere)

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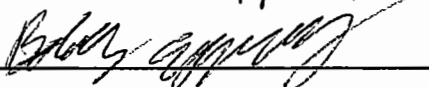
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Printed Name: Tami L. Partlow

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Where do you live? State & Airport way

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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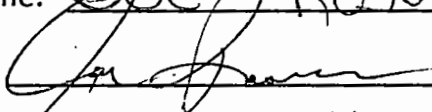
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JOE ROSAS

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SALEM OR

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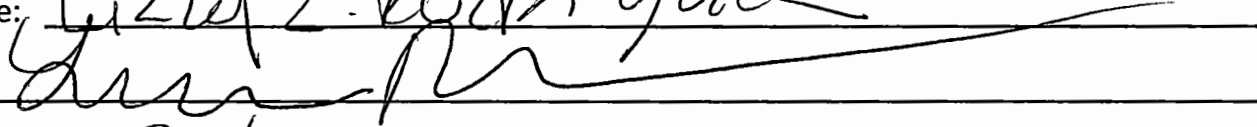
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Printed Name:

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Salem

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Printed Name:

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Where do you live?

in a PARK

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

makes no sense

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Where do you live? Scotts Mills, OR

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

I do alot of Business in Salem -

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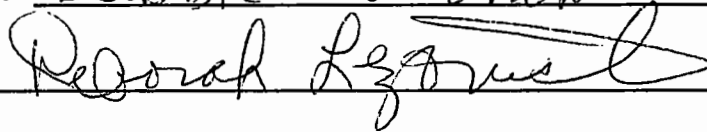
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Printed Name: Rebecca

Signature: Rebecca Allison

Where do you live? Keizer

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: Tealah Meyer

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Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Where do you live?

Salem, SE

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Printed Name: Jay Taylor

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Where do you live? Homeless in my car

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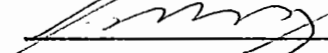
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Signature: 

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Comments: SGRADY.KR5@GMAIL

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Printed Name:

Stuart Todd Heinrichs

Signature:

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Homeless

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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- ① Very Bad ~~And~~ And very Much !!
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Printed Name: Lectie McCaballero

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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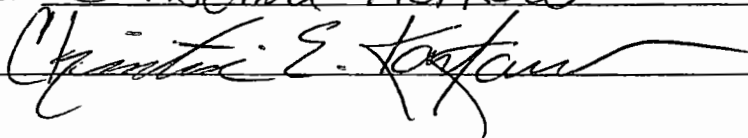
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Signature:



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Comments:

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Bruce Benzinger

Signature: Bruce Benzinger

Address: O-NO Home

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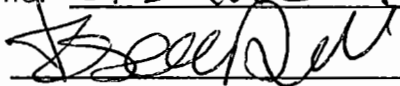
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Signature: 

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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James Cook

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Homeless

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Printed Name:

BRIAN WATERS

Signature:

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HOMELESS

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Printed Name: Tami Sjostrom

Signature: Tami Sjostrom

Address: 295 17th St, NE Salem, OR 97301

Comments: I oppose this ordinance

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Printed Name: Ursula Carman

Signature: Ursula Carman

Address: 4763 Flintlock Ct. NE

Comments: Why is the Fairwind Training  
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Where do you live? 782 W. 1st St of W12

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Letters submitted without  
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2.	JEFF EUBANKS Homeless	615 Commercial St Salem, OR 97301
3.	Saul A Dunn	24 NW Salem
4.	Sai Kendine	5154 Auburn Rd NE Salem OR 97317

5.	Wayne L. Woodin OR	694 Church St. NE 701-9895
6.	Russell [unclear]	<del>600</del> S. A. Lighthouse Shelter 971-900-2321
7.	Cory Patton	1901 Francis St. NE 501 UNITS 101 ARMY Shelter
8.	Kyle L.	Homeless
9.	Jerry BARZA Amy [unclear]	9185 Portland Rd NE #16 Brooks OR. 97305
10.	Debbie Legor	
11.	David Lezarik	
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13.	Euphemia Leaver	
14.	Mr. Carter	
15.	Yehia Blin	322 McLaughlin Dr. Woodburn
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Printed Name:

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Mill Creek Close to wal-mart/Lowes

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Printed Name: JOHN S. WILKINS, Esq., J.K.C., CSM, RET.

Signature: John S. Wilkins, Esq., J.K.C., CSM, RET.

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: Temp Barlow

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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Printed Name:

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Signature:

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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971-900-1394

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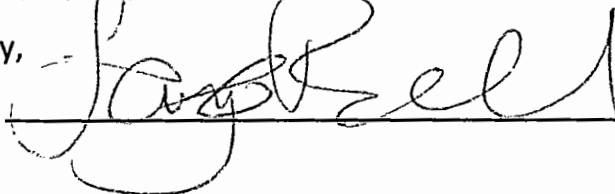
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Signature: Alfonso W Benson

Address: Taylor West Salem

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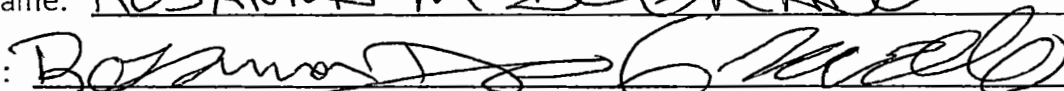
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Where do you live? in <sup>west</sup> Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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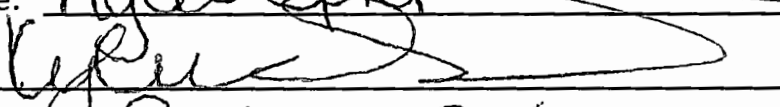
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Printed Name: Kylee Spier

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Where do you live? Salem, OR

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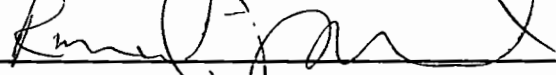
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Printed Name:

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Address:

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Ph. 503-508-5229

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Printed Name: Michael Salois

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Printed Name: Stephanie M. Meyers

Signature: Stephanie M. Meyers

Address: Homeless (Camping in Park)

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Where do you live? Homeless (car)

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Where do you live?

Salem, Oregon 97301

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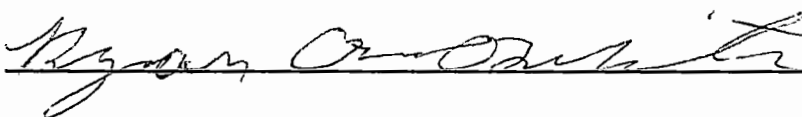
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Printed Name: Ryan C Acresmith

Signature: 

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Printed Name: ANGEL VILLAMOR

Signature: Angel V. —

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Barry Pruitt*

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

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Printed Name: ROBERT O. STONE

Signature: 

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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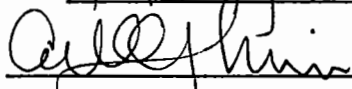
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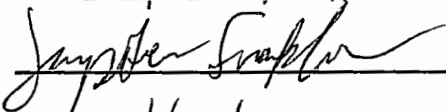
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Where do you live? Woods

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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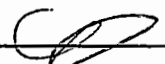
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Where do you live?

*where I lay my head w/ the good Lord*

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Printed Name: Summer Ramirez

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Where do you live? In northern San Diego + Mexico

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Printed Name: Shawn Lee

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Signature: Rebecca Taylor

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

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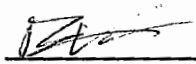
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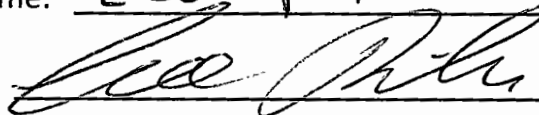
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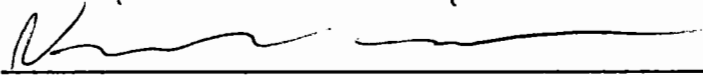
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Printed Name: KHAEL L. JOHNSON

Signature: Kael Johnson

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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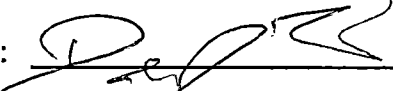
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Printed Name: DAVID SZEMCIC

Signature: 

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Printed Name: Leif Thuastrom

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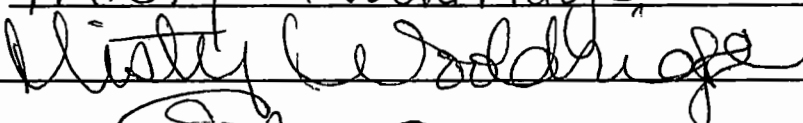
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Where do you live? Everywhere

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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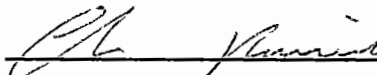
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Signature: 

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Where do you live? IN my car

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Signature:

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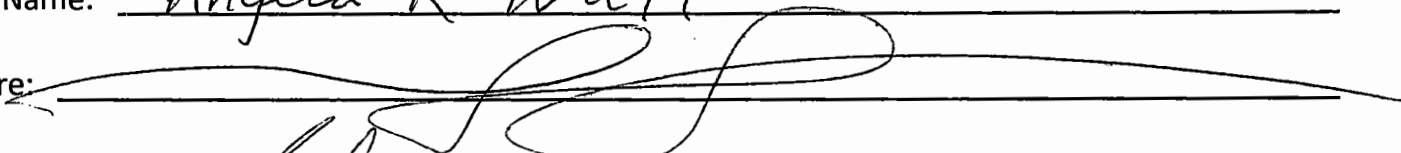
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Printed Name:

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Where do you live?

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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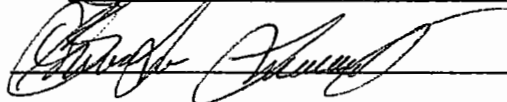
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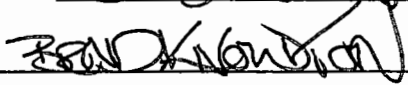
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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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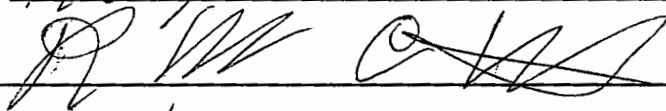
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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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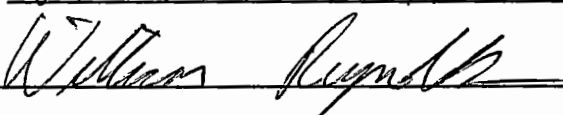
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Signature: 

Address: homeless

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Signature: 

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Cascadia Park

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: MELVIN ALVAREZ

Signature: Melvin Alvarez

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: Donald L. Stille

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Printed Name: James Jull

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Sincerely,

Printed Name:

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Signature:

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: David M. McLeod

Signature: David M. McLeod

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willing to testify  
at Hoop / Arches

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Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name: THOMAS GREEN

Signature: Thomas R Green

Where do you live? Homeless - in a tent

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Angela Eevee Phelan-Lampman

Signature: Angela Eevee Phelan-Lampman

Where do you live? on Liberty St.

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Bill Modia

Signature: Bill Modia

Where do you live? Salem

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Printed Name:

*Aaron Beatty*

Signature:

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Where do you live?

*on the street (sidewalk).*

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Signature: Sam Utley

Where do you live? Homeless

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Signature: 

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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Where do you live? Homeless

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Where do you live? streets

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

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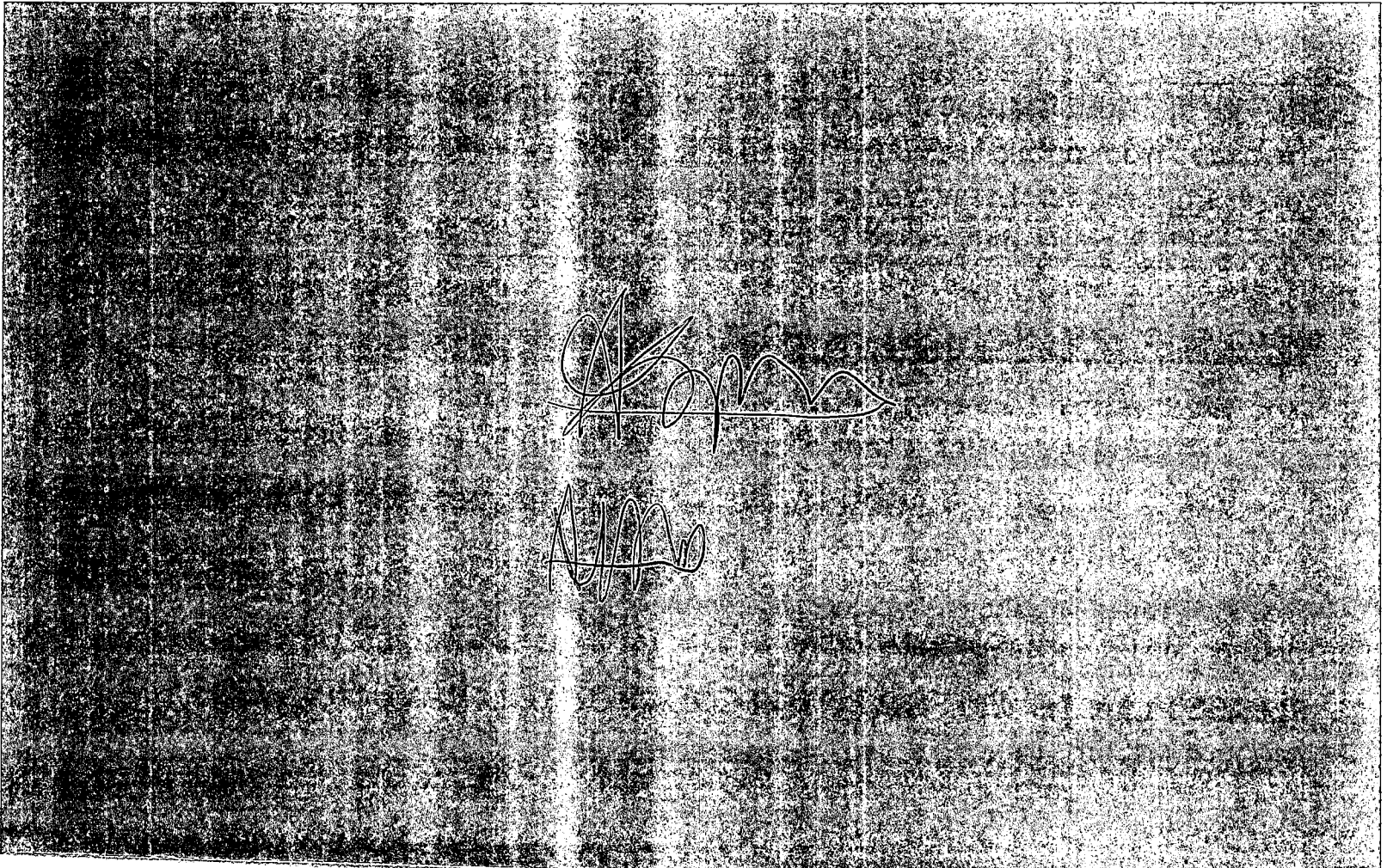
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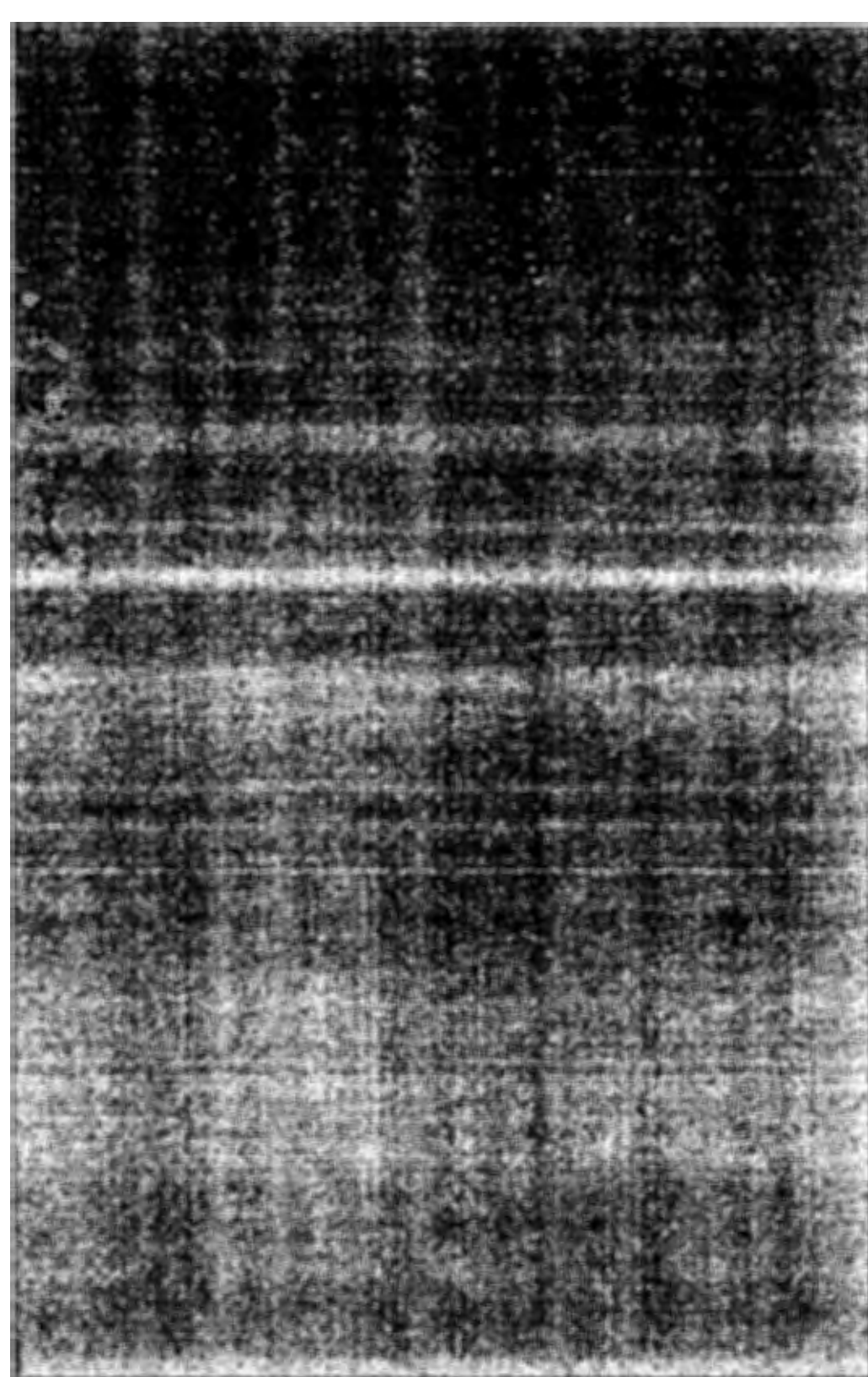
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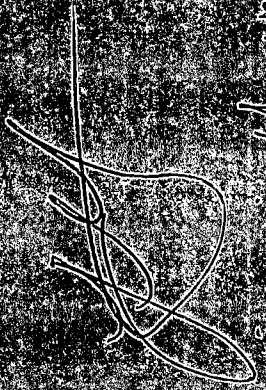
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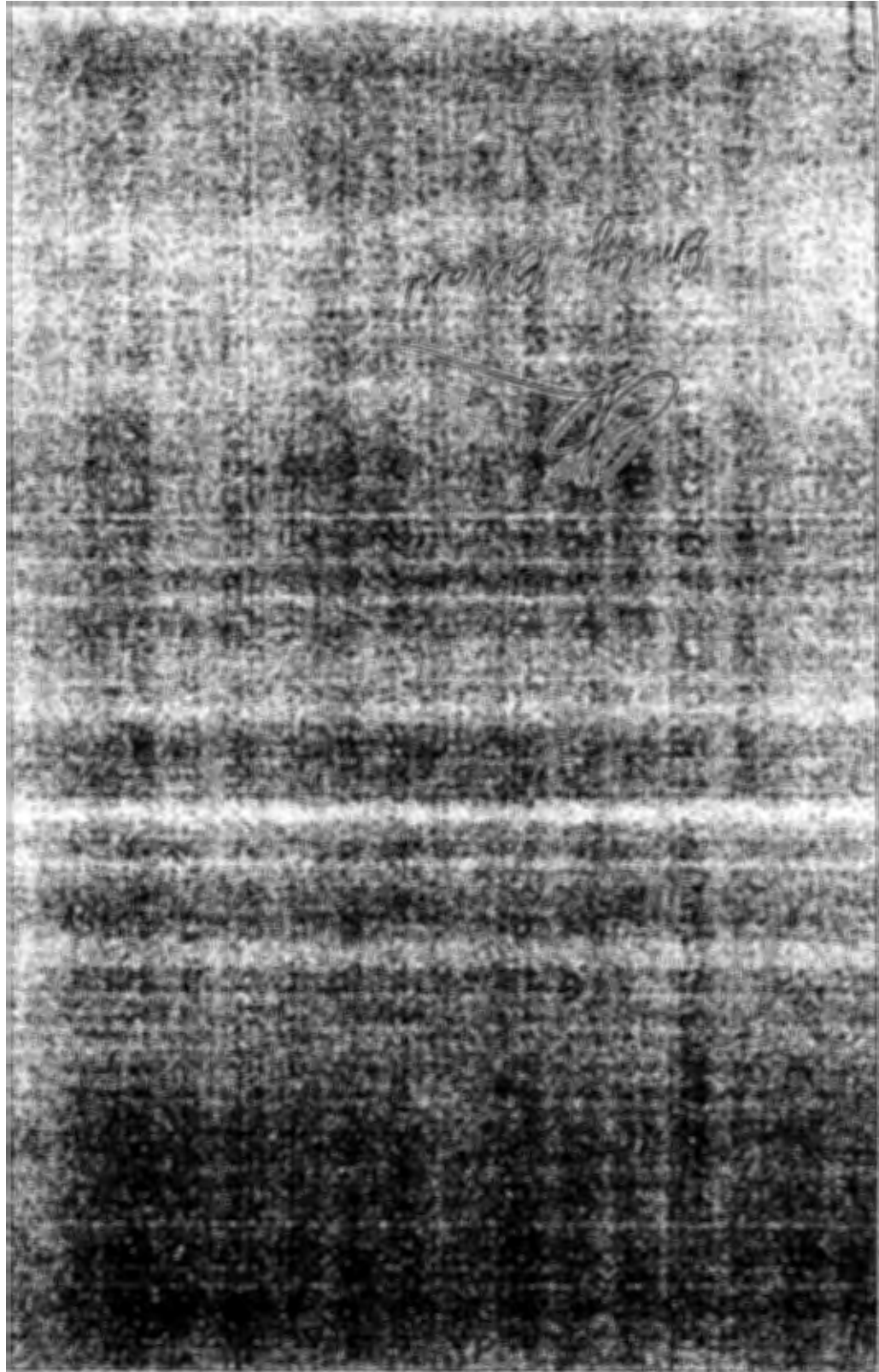
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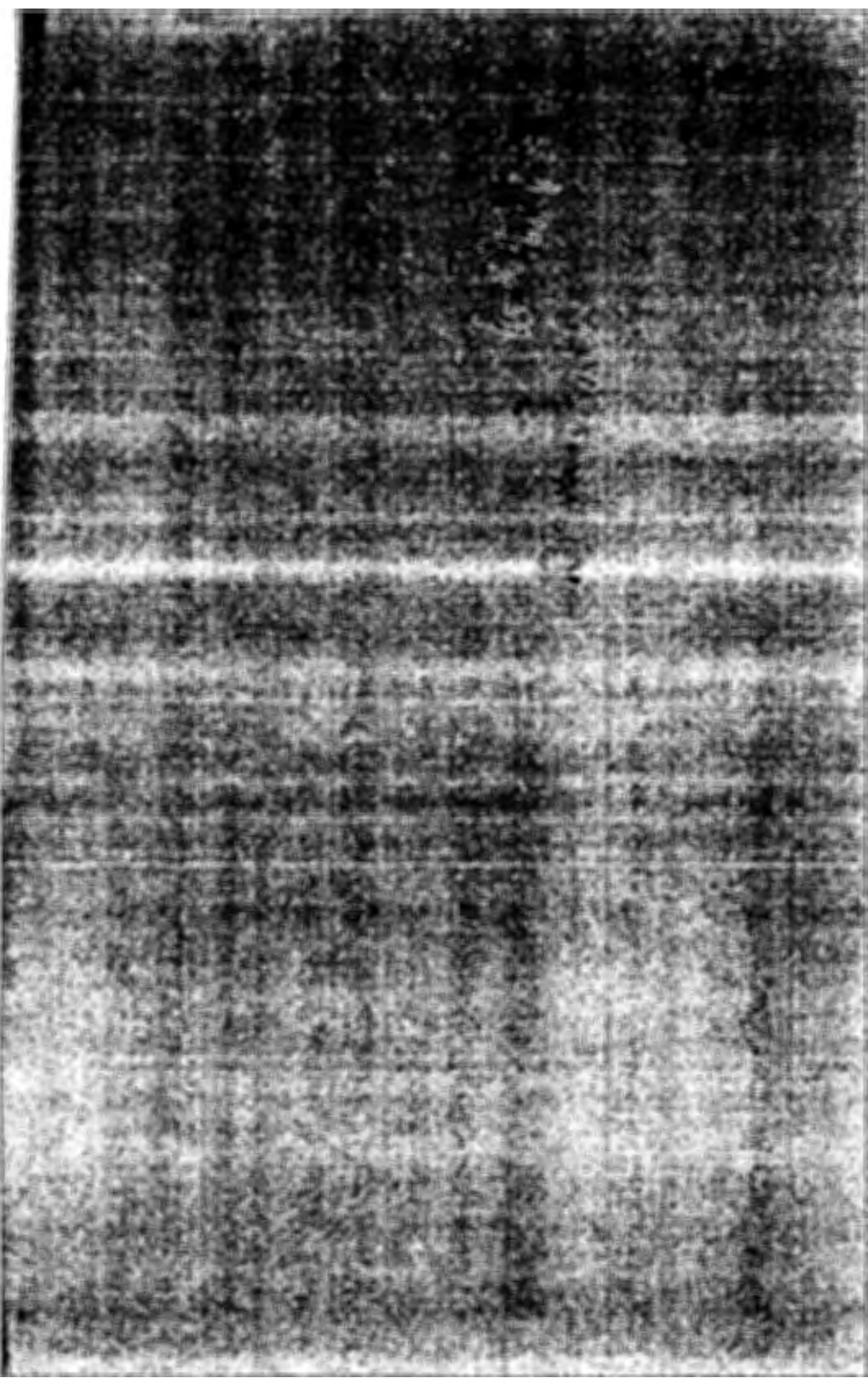
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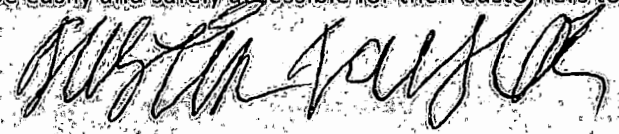
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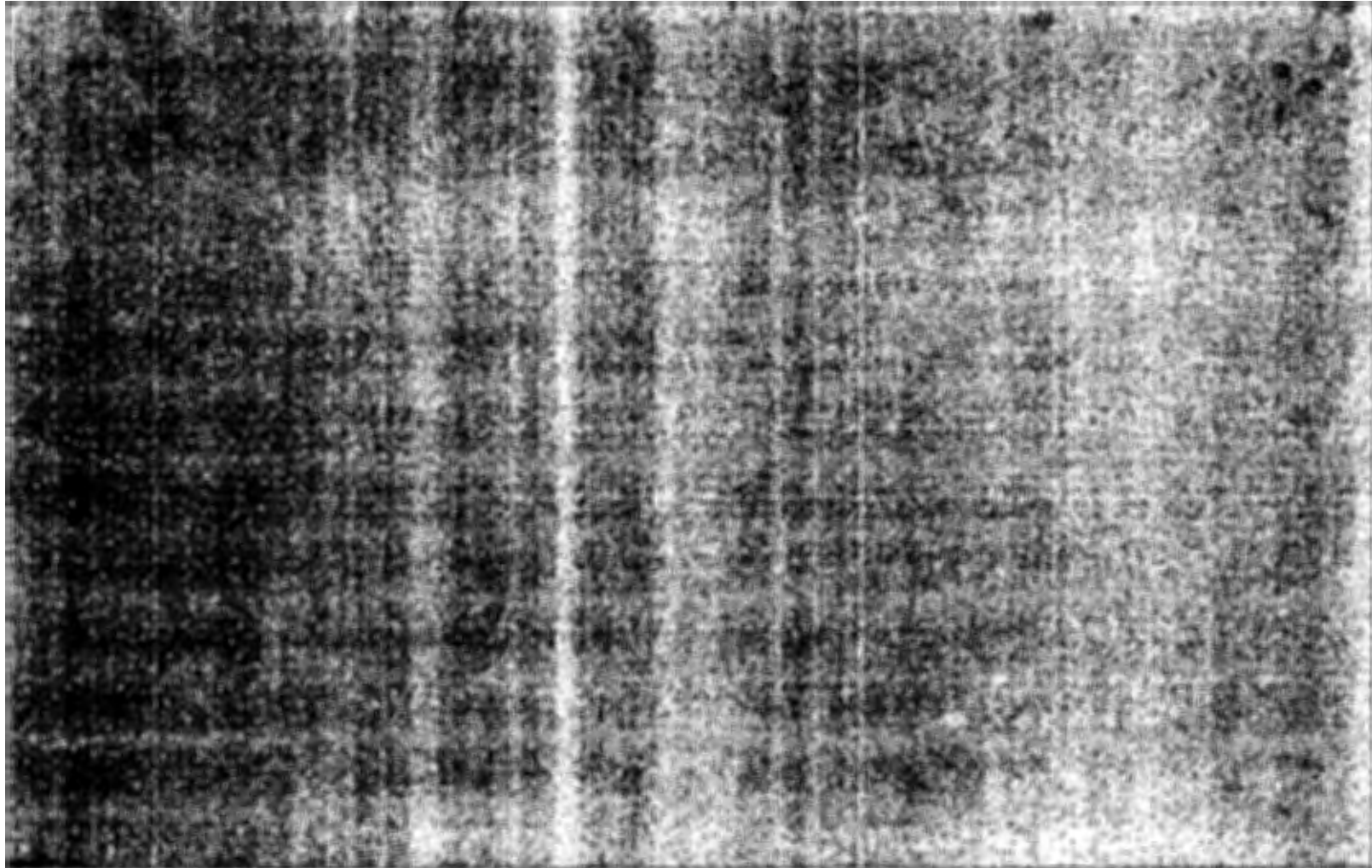
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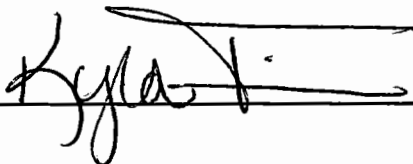
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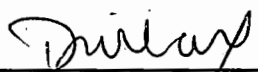
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Where do you live? 1785 NORWAY ST NE SALEM, OR 97301

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3205 Abrams Ave NE

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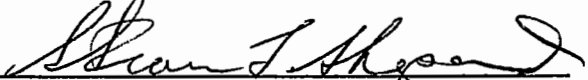
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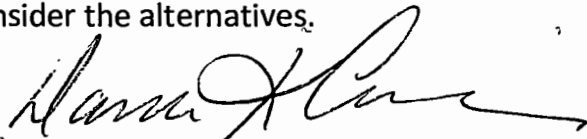
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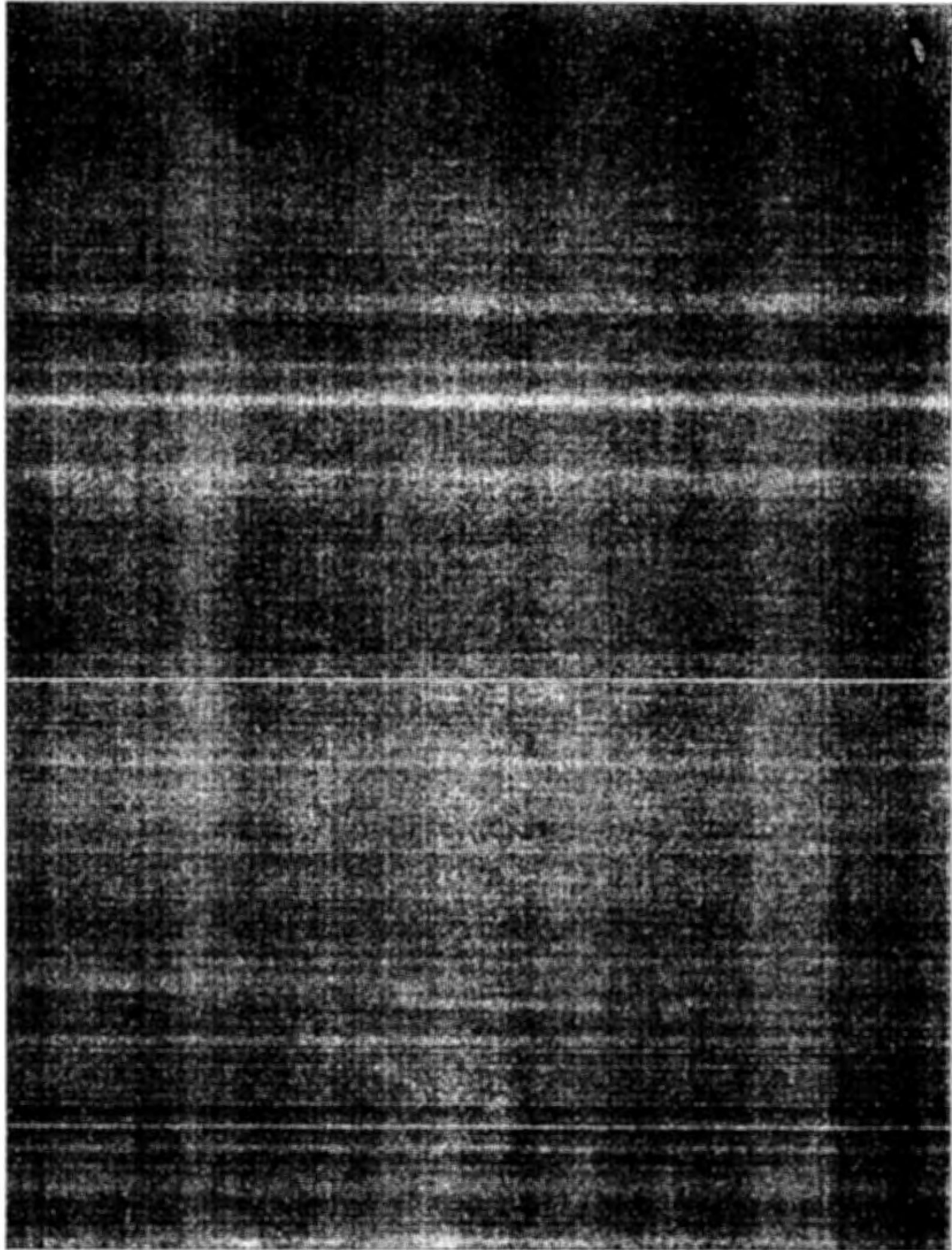
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As a result of the proposed sit/lie ordinance, what if the city:

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Printed Name: David Robidoux

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Printed Name: Sierra Babin

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: DAVID WILCOX

Signature: 

Where do you live? 1785 NORWAY ST NE SALEM, OR 97301

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:  
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Printed Name: Joan Wilkoff

Signature: Joan Wilkoff

Where do you live? Salem

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Although more shelters and beds will be available in the long term future, even then, there won't be enough beds to shelter all unsheltered individuals. And since this proposed ordinance extends beyond downtown, to all of Salem, where do we want unsheltered individuals to BE between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm?

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Whether or not a sit/lie ordinance is implemented, it is crucial to enable due process of equitable input opportunities for citizen engagement so that business owners AND unsheltered neighbors and advocates have equity to weigh in with their thoughts and possible solutions.

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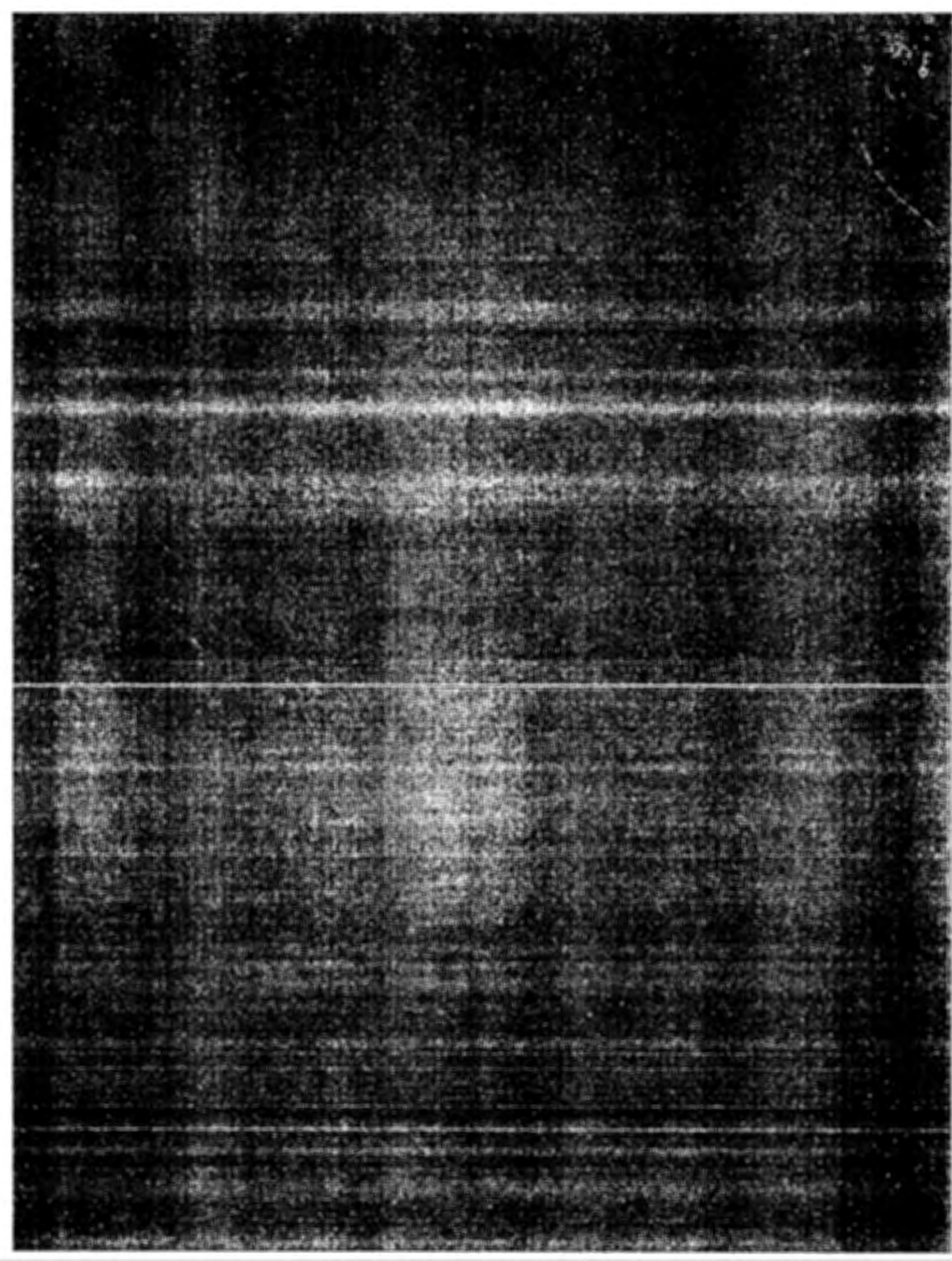
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Sincerely, Shawn Walker

Name: Shawn Walker

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2 letters

Supporting

all or part of the

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(Comments are included in  
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**Inequitable input opportunity:** Many of us have concerns about the proposed sit/lie ordinance and would like to attend and possibly testify. Yet we also need to eat, and City Council meetings are often at 6:00 pm - the same timeframe that meals are served at UGM and Arches. Yet even without a schedule conflict, it is too risky for many of us to leave our belongings for an extended timeframe to attend the City Council meeting. There needs to be a way for Individuals who will be most impacted by sit/lie consequences to safely participate in these conversations.

**Summary:** The proposed ordinance cannot resolve inappropriate behaviors, yet we already have consequences to implement as needed. The proposed ordinance significantly reduces safety and dignity; it discriminates against people with disabilities; it criminalizes aspects of existence; it creates more challenge and hardship for unsheltered individuals to meet basic human needs of having a place to exist, sleep, and have shelter from the elements.

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Please consider the alternatives.

Sincerely,

Printed Name:

MARVIN Opitz

Signature:

M. Opitz

Where do you live?

Temp Homeless

Comments/details about how the proposed ordinance would affect you and/or people you know:

I don't believe its the individual being targeted but the disrespectful attitude they exhibit with littering ect ect

July 2019

TO:

- Mayor, **Chuck Bennett**
- City Manager, **Steve Powers**
- Urban Development Director, **Kristin Retherford**
- Salem Police Chief, **Jerry Moore**
- City Council members: **Cara Kaser, Tom Andersen, Brad Nanke, Jackie Leung, Matt Ausec, Chris Hoy, Sally Cook, Jim Lewis**

**This letter is to convey strong opposition to the proposed sit/lie ordinance that would ban tents and other structures from sidewalks at all hours, and ban sleeping or laying on sidewalks and other public rights-of-way from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm throughout the entire city of Salem.**

**Common ground:** Businesses need to be easily and safely accessible for their customers to walk and shop freely. That common ground provides a basis for collaboration about what to do when inappropriate behaviors occur.

**Consequences ALREADY exist:** In general, unsheltered individuals who stay in downtown areas are people who are more vulnerable for theft and violence, so they opt for places that are more public and well-lit so they might be safer. Police already can act when there are inappropriate behaviors, so the means for consequences already exists.

Even with the intent for a sit/lie ordinance to focus first on warning, resource-sharing, and then exclusion, before further consequences may be implemented, a sit/lie ordinance creates more punitive consequences that will make it HARDER for unsheltered individuals to develop basic stability that is often necessary for moving forward.

**Basic human needs:** Being homeless involves a LOT of walking - to get to meals, showers, day centers, shelters, medical appointments, job preparation/job search meetings, service provider offices, etc. Walking everywhere is exhausting. Sometimes we really NEED to sleep, even in the daytime, because it's riskier and scarier to sleep at night. Sleep is a basic human need, and a sit/lie ordinance ends up targeting unsheltered individuals simply for trying to meet that basic human need.

Many people have no choice but to sleep outside - there are not enough shelter beds for the people who need them, and people also need some shelter from the elements as another basic human need. Unsheltered neighbors' lives are already at higher risk, with more likelihood of dying young on the streets. The proposed sit/lie ordinance is cruel - it will result in a lot of sleep deprivation, more stress and mental health struggles from constantly not knowing where they can go; it will lead to physical health problems, safety risks, and more people being raped and assaulted after being forced to move into unsafe areas. It puts their lives at even higher risk.

**Nowhere to go:** Although more shelters and beds will be available in the long term future, for many people, there is no place to be. Arches closes at 3:00 pm; HOAP closes at 2:00 pm and both are closed on weekends (and some HOAP hours are women only); Salvation Army has guests leave soon after breakfast until dinner time. Most parks close in the evening, and parks are only a viable option in good weather. Since this proposed ordinance would apply to all of Salem, where do we want unsheltered individuals BE between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm?

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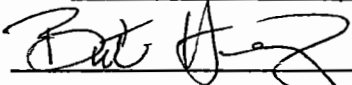
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Please consider the alternatives.

Sincerely,

Printed Name: Bret Haury

Signature: 

Address: ~~Silverton Road~~ 1660 Hampden Ln ne  
Salem OR 97317

Comments:

I would like to see sitting homeless in downtown  
Salem finding correct shelter like using and  
going to the Union Gospel mission

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of kalinyancy@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 4:34 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Kalin Yancy
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Zip	97302
Message	RE: Sidewalk & Public Spaces Ordinance As a lifelong resident of Salem who enjoys the privilege of having a home, I protest this ordinance in the strongest terms. Sweeping the issue of homelessness under the rug is not a solution. Making life even harder for homeless people in order to make privileged people feel "safer" and "welcomed" is an unacceptable and morally bankrupt trade. If businesses and business organizations want to address the problems they see with the visible presence of homeless people in their vicinities, they should be left no option but to address the real issues of homelessness through immediate and substantial cooperation with advocacy groups.

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