

From Maslow to Mother Teresa

Received At Council Meeting

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When homeless are pushed from
one place to another, they are
destabilized.

Where do they go?

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Not looking good

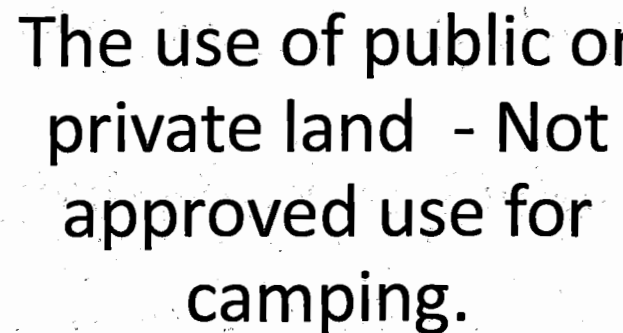
People who live and work in the downtown area are frustrated with homeless not having access to bathrooms.

Homeless feel worthless
– Jeff told me he considers suicide.

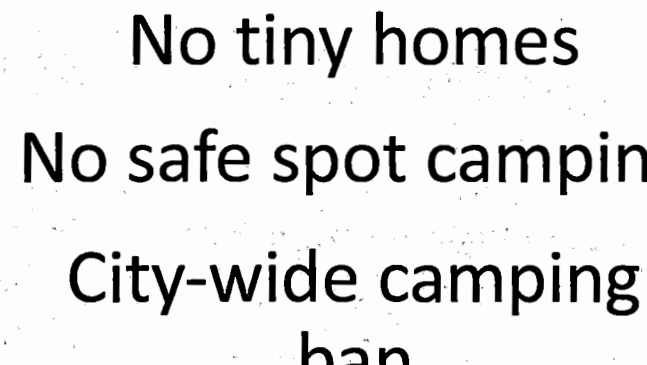
Homeless feel vulnerable.

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Can we find an interim solution?



The use of public or private land - Not approved use for camping.



No tiny homes
No safe spot camping
City-wide camping ban

Salem is not alone

- Seattle is trying permitted and supervised camping.
 - Porta potties
 - Garbage collection
 - Limited Access
 - Limited duration in one area
 - Limited number of campers
 - Private public - partnership
 - UGM provides oversight

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Tent City F.A.Q.'s

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where are Tent Cities currently housed?

A: Tent Cities are generally housed on parish properties throughout the greater Seattle area.

Q: How long does a typical Tent City camp stay at one location?

A: A Tent City camp usually stays at one location for about 90 days.

Q: How many residents may reside at Tent City?

A: A Tent City camp typically does not serve more than 100 residents.

Q: What presence will the local Police have at the site?

A: The City's goal is to ensure public safety for all of our citizens. We pledge city resources to properly monitor and respond to issues. Local police officers will make regular, routine walk-throughs of the Tent City site so that they are familiar with the residents and the routines of camp. When necessary, police officers will conduct investigations and make arrests of those found to be in violation of criminal laws. Local Police have attended community forums and visited other Tent City locations in order to be prepared for any potential issues..

Q: What security measures does Tent City provide on its own?

A: Tent City 4 reports that it seeks a positive relationship with law enforcement agencies in host cities by keeping a commitment to self-police and self-manage its residents in accordance with its Code of Conduct. The Tent City Code of Conduct prohibits alcohol, drugs, weapons, fighting, abuse of any kind, littering or disturbing neighbors. All residents must sign an agreement to abide by this code and failure to do so can be cause for immediate expulsion.

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In the meantime ... Update "Jane" 86 and homeless

- She is well known to the service providers in the area, SHA, Arches, HOAP.
- "Jane" has a history of involvement with DHS/APD/Northwest Senior and Disabled Services and APS.
 - The behavior you explained, is not new for "Jane" and at this time and she understands the risks involved with her choices.
 - The concern regarding her homelessness is being addressed and there are active efforts being made for her to enter another facility, if she chooses.
 - Jane retains the right to decline moving into another facility; meaning she can stay at the shelter, even if it is short term.
 - Her workers will continue to monitor and maintain monthly contact during this time. This ensures that she can reach out when she wants help, and she is living the lifestyle she chooses.
 - **Homelessness, or the decision to be homeless rather than live in a facility, is not a primary driving factor for guardianship. Anytime guardianship is considered, we make sure every other, least restrictive intervention has been attempted to preserve the consumers dignity and ability to live the quality of life they want. Self-determination vs safety.**
- The supervising team with NWSDS are very approachable and could discuss your concerns and experiences with "Jane" further.

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