



## MEETING SUMMARY STAYTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Monday, July 10, 2023

Stayton Community Center  
400 W. Virginia Street  
Stayton, Oregon 97383

Julia Hajduk called the meeting to order. In attendance was the following task force members: Steven Halverson, Kassie Brown, Sonja Persey, Tricia Frizzell, David Giglio, Ben MacDonald, Mark McDonnell, Jared Oeltjen, Adam Culbertson, Rebecca Kelly, and Kim Dwyer.

Beginning with this meeting, we will be recording the meeting and making it available on the City's webpage. This document is a summary of the meeting, however you may view the meeting in its entirety at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofstayton5559>

### Status of Phase 1 Code Amendments

Julia reviewed the status of the first draft code amendments at Council. She noted that it was approved with modifications to make the entirety of Mill Creek park and Riverfront Park as developed parks and that there would be a second reading 7/17/23 because the vote was not unanimous. She acknowledged that it sounded like there was confusion by some of the Task Force members regarding what was being considered the Council. It was requested, and Julia agreed, that the Task Force would get notification of Council discussions on this topic in the future. Task Force members shared the concern that there is a lot of discussion on social media and it would be helpful if the City were to post more to ensure accurate information gets out there.

### Review summary of other Community code updates

Julia reviewed the codes for Jefferson, Keizer, Independence, Aumsville and Turner as examples of the multiple ways communities are complying with State law. It was asked to also look at what Silverton has done.

### Feedback on moving forward in Phase 2

- a. What questions need to be asked?
- b. What options need to be considered?
- c. What additional information is needed?

Below is a summary of the comments members made. It does not reflect the entire conversation, or a consensus on any of these points:

- Clearly define the yes's and the no's as to where camping is and is not allowed.
- Time provisions – A lot of members likes the time restrictions that other cities were putting in place. We need to further explore what this would look like. Some felt a time of day provision would be appropriate, others felt a number of hours limitation would be best.
- Concern about allowing camping in residential area

- Would like to see policies proposed and how they cross section with services available to see how they might play off of each other
- Consider other areas to allow camping such as the unimproved right of way on Wilco Road or the area in front of the Water Treatment Plant
- The Task Force wants time to understand what services are currently available
- Discuss best practices for how often and how to require camping time limitations.
- Further exploration on times, locations and services
- Keep in mind the main points/comments raised in the public survey which were concerns about loitering, trash and crime and make sure that whatever we develop is working to address or mitigate those concerns.
- Get feedback from people experiencing homelessness.
- Want to see a City map of the locations where people would be able to camp including the sizes and measurements to other public spaces and areas
- Going forward, we want to see intentional outreach with notification to property owners in areas near where camping will not be prohibited.
- Be transparent.

#### Public Comment

The task force heard from a number of people and engaged in dialog. Many people had question that were answered. Below is a summary of comments (the meeting and all comments can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofstayton5559>) :

- Don't let people plant roots, support time limitations
- What are we doing to empower the unhoused? Sometimes they need tough love
- Compassionate responsibility
- Concern about children
- What is humane?
- Keep rules enforceable
- Concern about state overreach

Julia noted that the next Task Force meeting would be August 14, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15



# Homeless Task Force

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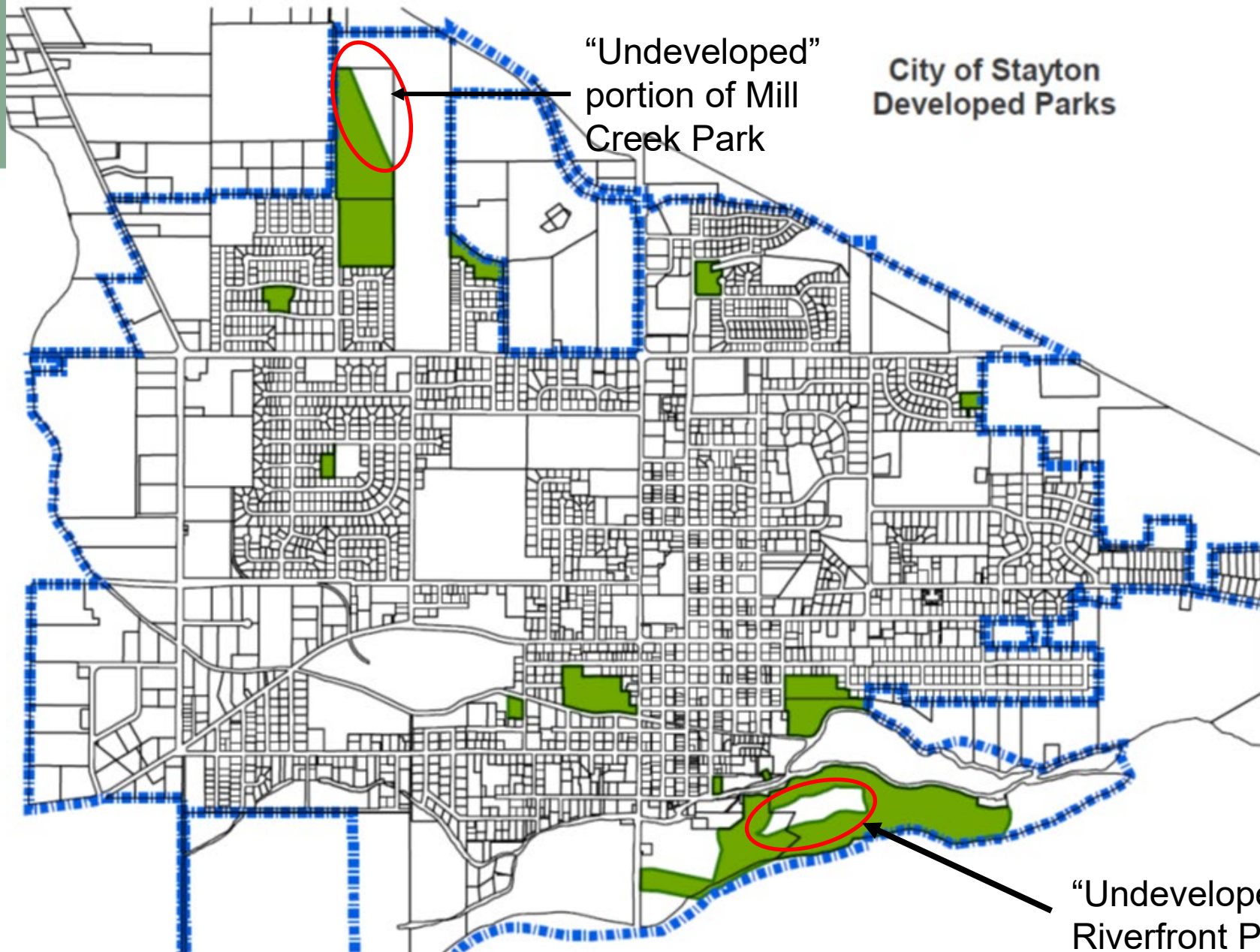


# Review Phase 1 Code Amendments- Council Action



# Summary of Phase 1 Code Amendments

- Amends Municipal Code 8.12 to define developed parks and public facilities
- Amends section to prohibit camping in developed parks and public facilities (subject to certain provisions)
- By default, camping would be allowed on any other public property within City boundaries.
- Based on the definitions, staff has determined a number of places where camping would not be regulated in undeveloped parks, primarily in an area of Riverfront Park, and the forested area of Mill Creek Park north of Mill Creek Park. There are also several areas of City Owned land that are not within the definition of Public Facility or Developed Park.



“Undeveloped”  
portion of Mill  
Creek Park

City of Stayton  
Developed Parks

“Undeveloped” portion of  
Riverfront Park



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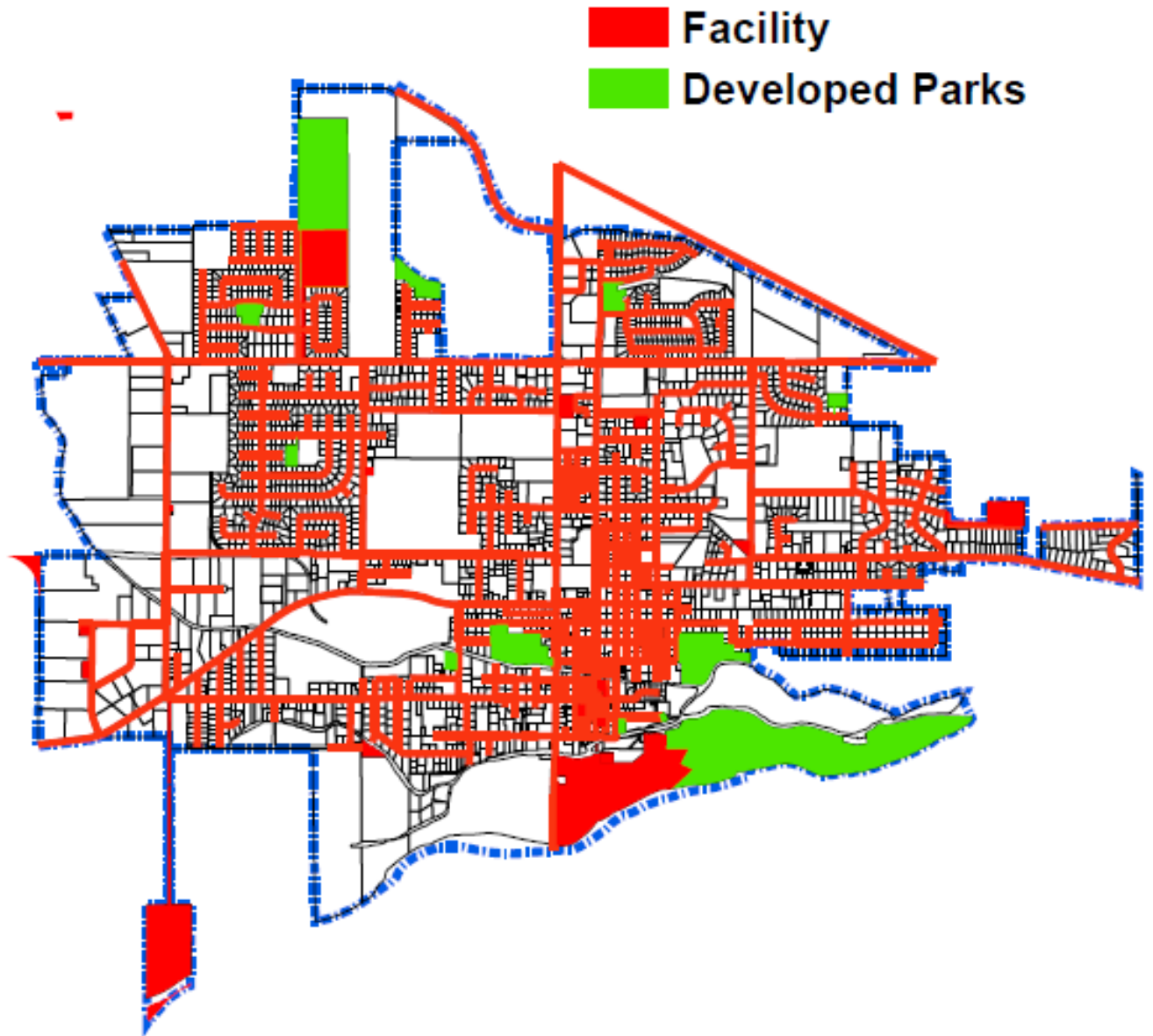
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## Council action

- Amended definition of developed park to include entirety of Mill Creek and Riverfront Park; leaving the “other” parcels still available
- Council approved, but not unanimously, therefore 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be 7/17/23



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# Review Other Community Code Updates



## • Jefferson

Prohibits Camping:

- City parks, including properties identified for development of future parks.
- Within visual line of sight from a constructed and signed recreational trail on public property.
- Within specified City-Owned facilities, and associated grounds, that are open to the public
- Public rights-of-way adjacent to, or within 500 feet of, a lot or parcel containing an elementary school, secondary school, day care facility, child care facility, or facility providing services to homeless persons.
- Public rights-of-way adjacent to a lot or parcel containing a dwelling.

Specifies that “Camping, where permitted on public property, shall not exceed 48-hours in one location. In order to avoid violation of this requirement, a camp must be moved no less than 300 feet from the original location in one direction and cannot be at the new location for a period in excess of 48-hours.”



## • Keizer

Prohibits camping on public sidewalks, public property and public rights of way but makes specific exemption for those experiencing homelessness:

(C) In express recognition of the need for those experiencing homelessness to sleep and rest if they have nowhere else to go, camping is not prohibited in public rights of way except in the following right of way areas:

- (1) Vehicular and bicycle travel lanes and five (5) feet adjacent to such travel lanes.
- (2) stormwater facilities.
- (3) Adjacent to any residential uses
- (4) Within 100 feet of any school or daycare facility
- (5) Within 100 feet of any church, except for on property that is accommodating camping or camping like activities under ORS 195.520
- (6) Within ten (10) feet of the intersection of a street and driveway or a private pedestrian path, or within ten (10) feet of a building entry
- (7) Within a five foot (5') clear pedestrian path on any public sidewalk

(D) For those experiencing homelessness, in areas where camping is not prohibited, persons must relocate within 24 hours after arrival.

(E) Individuals may not build or erect structures, whether by using plywood, metal, wood materials, pallets, or other materials. Items such as tents and similar items used for shelter that are readily portable are not structures for purposes of this Section.



- **Independence**

Appears to have followed similar path as Stayton with prohibition in all parks other than those intended for camping, right of ways and identified that there are several City owned parcels that camping can be allowed on

- **Aumsville**

(A) Except as expressly authorized by the Aumsville Municipal Code, it is unlawful at all times for any persons to establish or occupy a campsite on the following city property:

1. All Parks consistent with the provisions in Ordinance 691 as amended by Ordinance 714; and
2. All city property located within an area zoned for residential use.

(B) Except as expressly authorized by the Aumsville Municipal Code, it is unlawful for any person to camp or maintain a campsite on any city property between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

- **Turner**

Selected a specific area in David Sawyer Park along with regulations specific to behavior and length of time.



# Feedback on moving Forward in Phase 2



# Share-Listen-Respond-Recommend

- Booth at Summerfest
- Would like to coordinate a booth for several Wednesday Farmers Markets
- Survey
- Task Force Members reach out
- Other?





# Task Force Input needed

- What Questions need to be asked?
- What options need to be considered?
- What additional information is needed?