



AGENDA STAYTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Monday, May 8, 2023
Stayton Community Center
400 W. Virginia Street
Stayton, Oregon 97383

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM
2. Project status and next steps
3. Review Public Survey
4. Public land inventory – Receive update on public land around Stayton
5. Hear from Homeless Advocates and/or those with experiencing homelessness
6. Review Code Audit in light of input received and determine additional information and action needed
7. Public Comment
8. Next meeting – Joint Council/Task Force Work Session, May 15 2023; 6-7 PM
Next regular Task Force meeting – June 12, 2023
9. ADJOURN 8:00 PM

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you require special accommodations, contact City Hall at (503) 769-3425.



Homelessness Task Force Public Opinion Survey

The City of Stayton conducted an on-line survey of public opinion regarding the issues surrounding homelessness. The survey was open for responses for a three-week period. There was a total of 374 responses received.

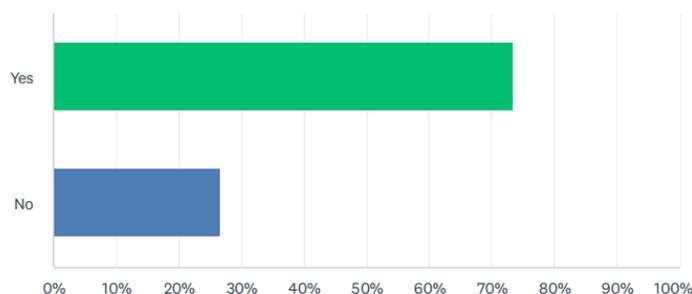
Residence and information about respondents

The first several questions asked information about the respondents, including the location of their residence and whether they owned their own home or owned a business in Stayton.

Of the 374 respondents, 274 (73%) indicated they were Stayton residents.

Q1 Do you reside in the Stayton City limits?

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0

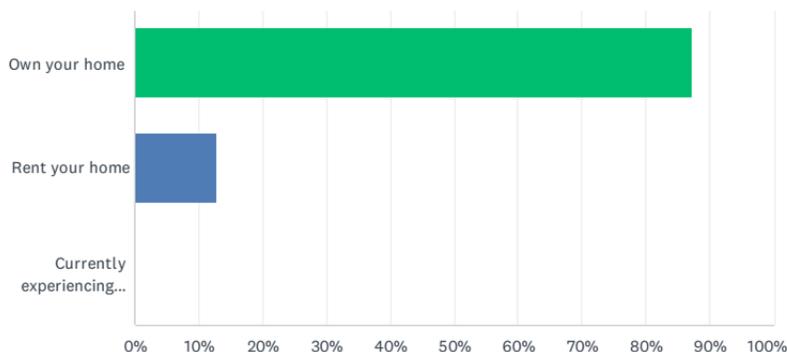


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.26%	274
No	26.74%	100
TOTAL		374

The next question asked Stayton residents whether they owned or rented their own home. Although only 274 respondents indicated they were Stayton residents, 313 respondents answered this question. None of the respondents indicated that they were currently experiencing homelessness. There were 11 respondents who provided comments to this question. The complete comments are included at the end of this report.

Q2 If you are a Stayton resident, do you

Answered: 313 Skipped: 61



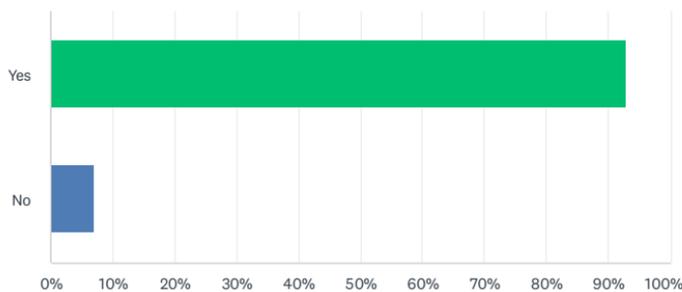
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own your home	87.22%	273
Rent your home	12.78%	40
Currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness	0.00%	0
TOTAL		313

According to Census data, roughly 50% of City residents are renters. Homeowners were proportionally overly represented in the respondents, with 87% of the respondents identifying as homeowners. However, in comparing the results of subsequent answers of those who indicated they are homeowners with all answers, there is not a significant difference in responses between homeowners and renter.

The next question asked non-residents if they lived in the Stayton area. Although only 100 respondents answered Question 1 indicating that they were non-residents, 210 respondents answered this question. Only 15 respondents indicated that they did not live in the Stayton area.

Q3 If not a Stayton resident, do you live in the Stayton vicinity

Answered: 210 Skipped: 164

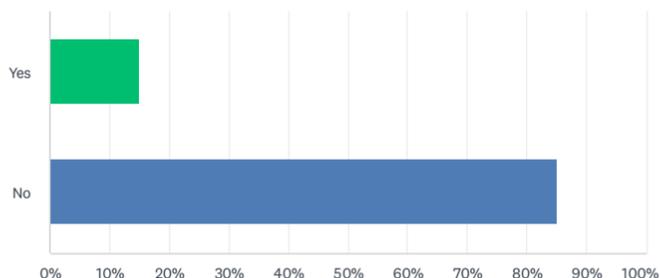


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.86%	195
No	7.14%	15
TOTAL		210

Question 4 asked if the respondent was the owner of a business in Stayton. There were 56 positive responses to this question, 15% of the respondents.

Q4 Are you the owner of a business in Stayton?

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	14.97%	56
No	85.03%	318
TOTAL		374

Attitudes around Homelessness and the Response to it

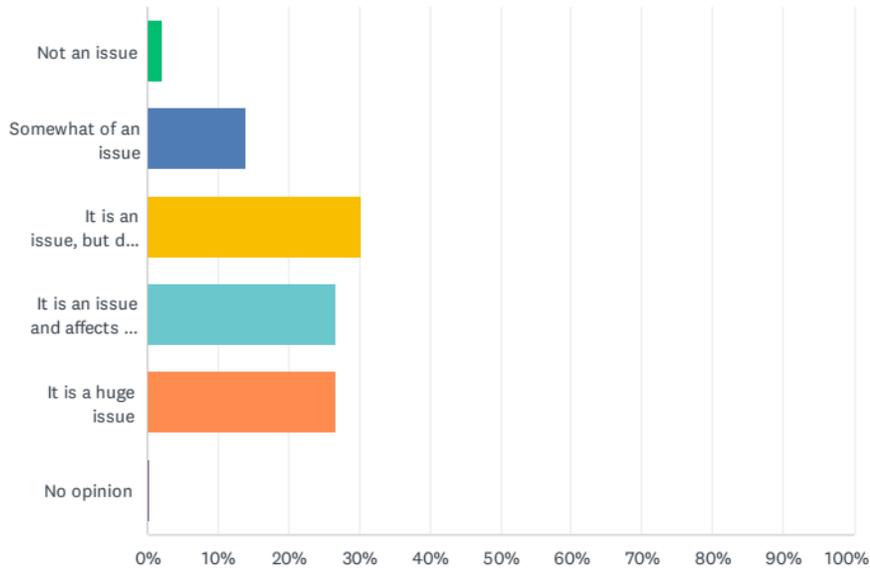
The remaining questions asked about respondents' attitudes regarding homelessness, the impacts on the community and the City's response to homelessness.

When asked by Question 5 to what degree they perceived homelessness to be an issue in Stayton, respondents were provided with five choices, ranging from "not an issue" to "a huge issue." These responses were scored from 0 to 4. Similar numbers of respondents indicated that homelessness is an issue but that they were not directly affected, that homelessness is an issue that affects them directly and homelessness is a huge issue, accounting for 84% of all responses. The average score of all responses was 2.6 out of 4.0. Only 2% of respondents thought that homelessness is not an issue or had no opinion.

Business owners were more likely to report that they are directly impacted by the homelessness issue than all respondents, with 41% responding that they directly affected and 32% indicating homelessness is a huge issue. The average score for business owners was 2.9 out of 4.0.

Q5 To what degree, do you perceive homelessness is an issue in Stayton?

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0



QUIZ STATISTICS

Percent Correct 27%	Average Score 2.6/4.0 (65%)	Standard Deviation 1.09	Difficulty 1/1
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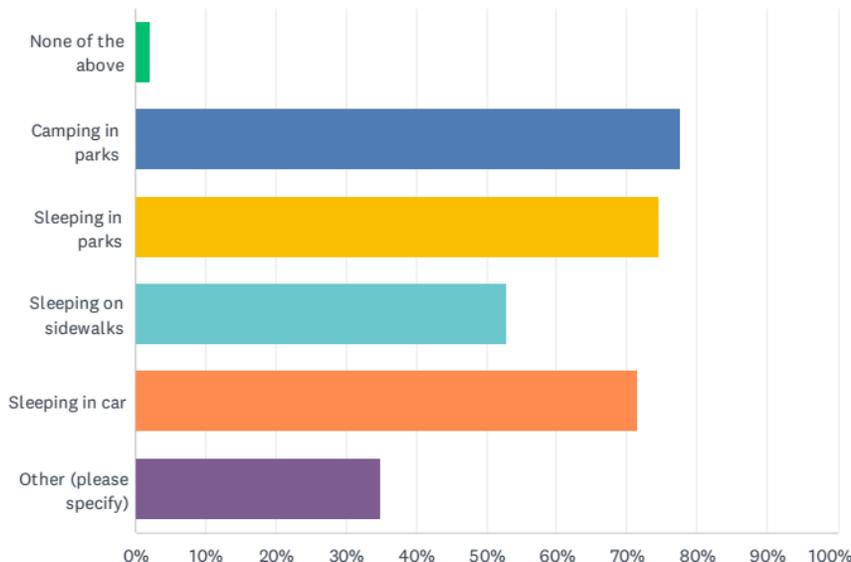
ANSWER CHOICES

ANSWER CHOICES	SCORE	RESPONSES	
Not an issue	0/4	2.14%	8
Somewhat of an issue	1/4	13.90%	52
It is an issue, but does not affect me directly	2/4	30.21%	113
It is an issue and affects me directly	3/4	26.74%	100
✓ It is a huge issue	4/4	26.74%	100
No opinion	0/4	0.27%	1
TOTAL			374

Question 6 asked in which areas of the community homelessness is an issue, providing four options and an opportunity to identify other areas. More than 77% of respondents indicated that camping in parks is an issue and 75% of respondents indicated that sleeping in parks is an issue.

Q6 In what areas of our community do you see homelessness being an issue? (check all that apply)

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	2.14%	8
Camping in parks	77.54%	290
Sleeping in parks	74.60%	279
Sleeping on sidewalks	52.94%	198
Sleeping in car	71.39%	267
Other (please specify)	35.03%	131
Total Respondents: 374		

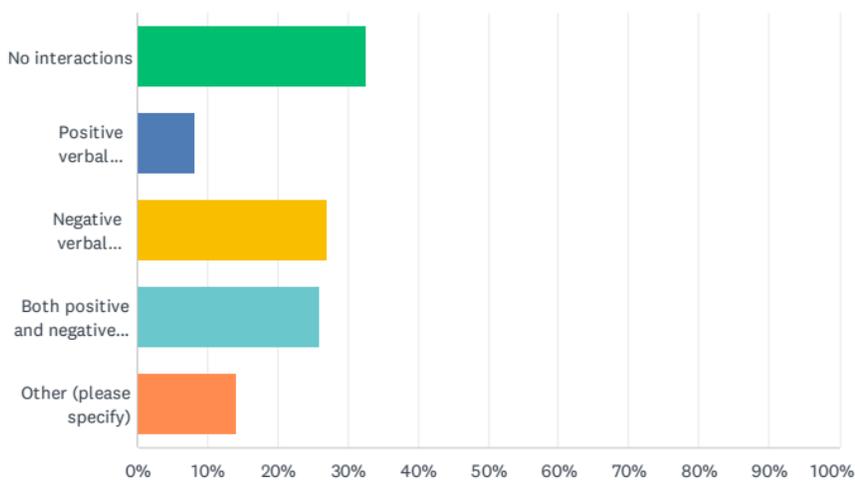
There were 131 “Other” responses to this question. The word cloud below represents the frequency that key words were used in these responses, by presenting more frequently used words in a larger size. A complete list of the “Other” responses is provided at the end of this report.



The next question asked about respondents' interactions with homeless individuals. Respondents were allowed to select more than one choice, with a total of 403 responses provided. A plurality of 33% of respondents indicated that they had no interactions. Negative verbal interactions were reported by 27% of the respondents. Interactions that had been both positive and negative were reported by 26% of the respondents. Only 8% of respondents reported positive verbal interactions.

Q7 Have you personally had interactions with homeless individuals in Stayton? (check all that apply)

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	Count
No interactions	32.62%	122
Positive verbal interactions	8.02%	30
Negative verbal interactions	27.01%	101
Both positive and negative verbal interactions	25.94%	97
Other (please specify)	14.17%	53
Total Respondents: 374		

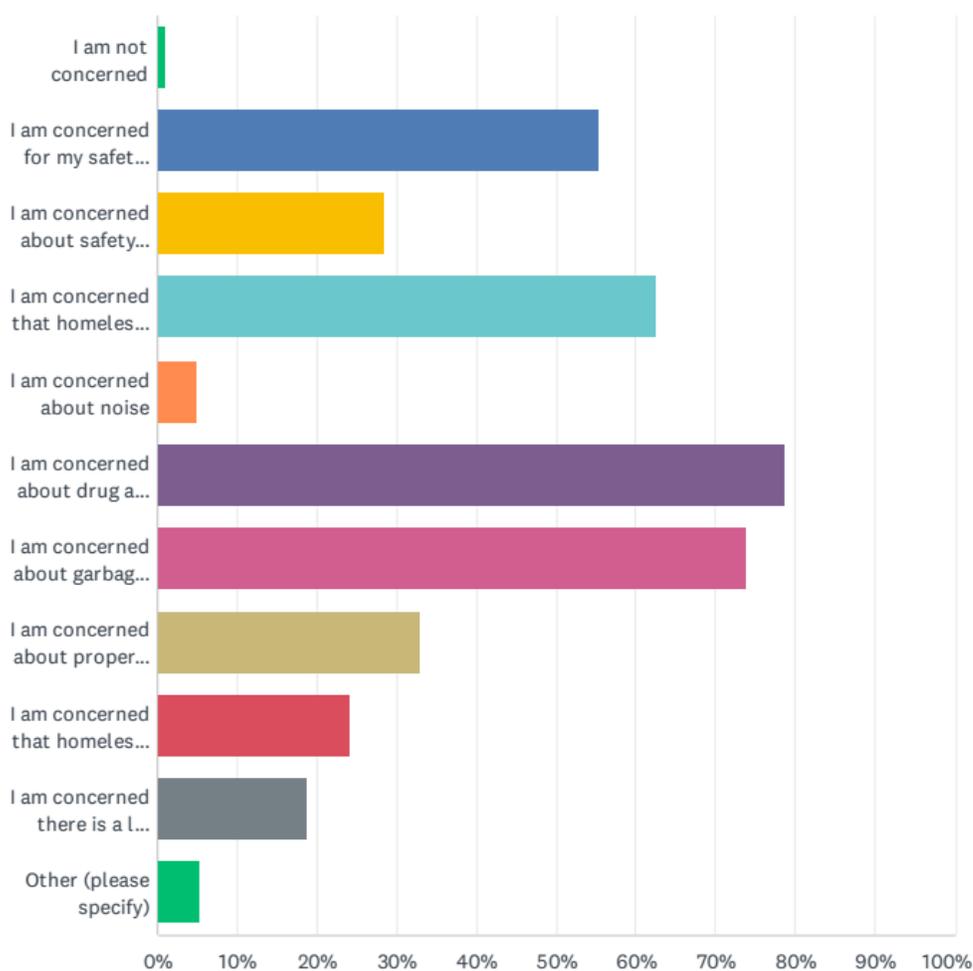
There were 53 "Other" responses, indicating that most of the respondents that selected "Other" also had chosen one of the specific responses as well. The word cloud below represents key words in the "Other" responses. A complete list of the "Other" responses is provided at the end of this report.



From a list of 11 possible concerns, including “no concern” and “other,” respondents were asked by Question 8 to identify their top three concerns. The three that received the most responses were concerns about drug and alcohol use and paraphernalia (79%), concern about garbage and environmental impacts (74%), and concern that homeless individuals will commit crimes (63%). Only 1% of the responses expressed no concern. 24% of the responses were that homeless individuals are not getting adequate support and 19% of the responses were about the lack of local support services for persons experiencing homelessness.

Q8 What are your top three concerns about homelessness Stayton? (Check up to three choices)

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0



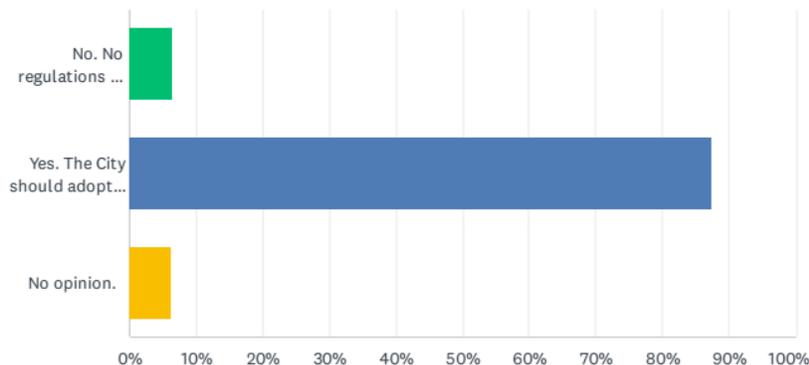
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am not concerned	1.07%	4
I am concerned for my safety or that of my family	55.35%	207
I am concerned about safety of those experiencing homelessness	28.34%	106
I am concerned that homeless individuals will commit crimes	62.57%	234
I am concerned about noise	4.81%	18
I am concerned about drug and alcohol use and paraphernalia	78.61%	294
I am concerned about garbage and environmental impacts	73.80%	276
I am concerned about property values	32.89%	123
I am concerned that homeless individuals are not getting the support and services that they need	24.06%	90
I am concerned there is a lack of local support services	18.72%	70
Other (please specify)	5.35%	20
Total Respondents: 374		

There were 20 responses provided as “other.” A complete list of the “Other” responses is provided at the end of this report.

Question 9 related information about recent court rulings and state law and then asked if Stayton should regulate the act of sitting, lying, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property. Respondents overwhelmingly indicated that the City should, with more than 87% stating that the City should adopt some objectively reasonable measures.

Q9 There is case law from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that says that “Persons experiencing homelessness are entitled to take necessary minimal measures to keep themselves warm and dry while sleeping outside” and that cities violate the Eighth Amendment of the Federal Constitution if they punish a person for the mere act of sleeping outside or for sleeping in their vehicles at night when there is no other place in the city for them to go. Recent state laws require that any city or county law that regulates the acts of sitting, lying, sleeping or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property that is open to the public must be objectively reasonable as to time, place and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness. Do you think that Stayton should regulate the act of sitting, lying, sleeping or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property?

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0

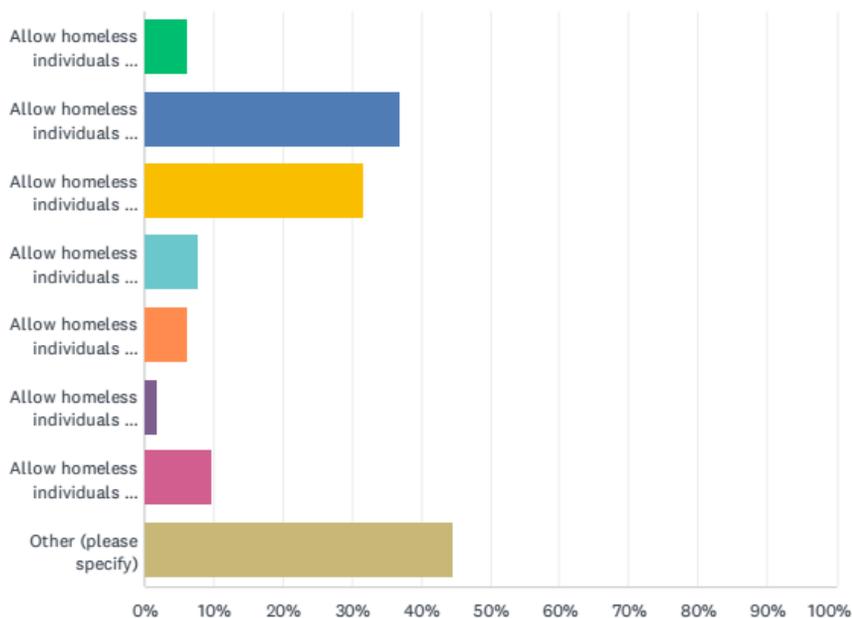


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No. No regulations are needed and people should be allowed to sleep, eat, and live on any public property open to the public.	6.42%	24
Yes. The City should adopt some objectively reasonable measures.	87.43%	327
No opinion.	6.15%	23
TOTAL		374

The next question asked those who had indicated that the City should adopt some objectively reasonable measures what those measures should be, providing seven options and an opportunity to supply an “other” response. Respondents could select more than one choice. There 325 respondents with a total of 471 responses. There were 145 “Other” responses provided. 37% of the responses chose allowing homeless individuals to sleep in their vehicles in public parking lots. 32% of the responses chose allowing homeless individuals to sleep in their vehicles on the street, provided the vehicles are moved at least every 72 hours. No other choice garnered more than 10% of the responses. A complete list of the “Other” responses is provided at the end of this report.

Q10 If you answered Question #9 above as yes, what objectively reasonable measures should the City have in place? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 325 Skipped: 49

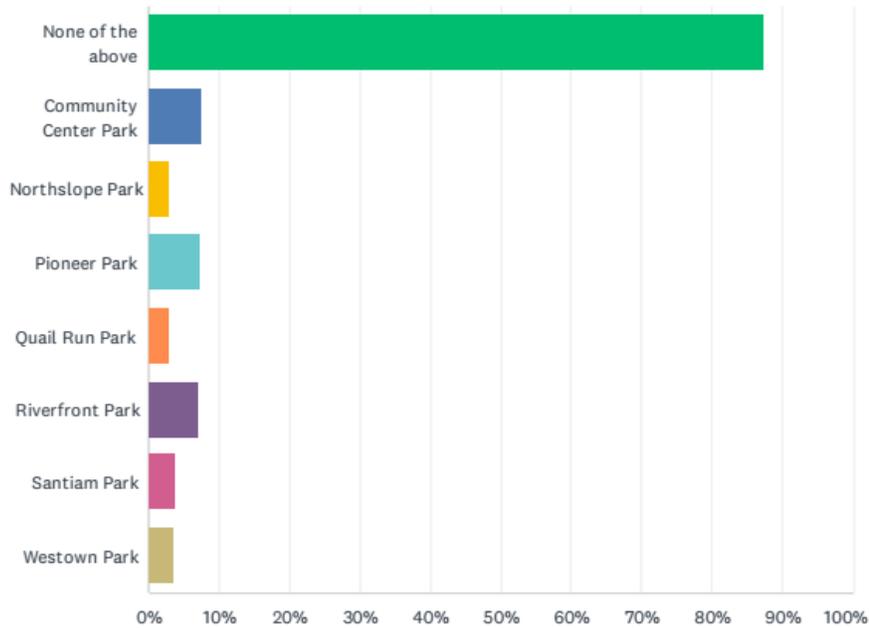


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Allow homeless individuals to sit, lie, and sleep in City parks. (See Question 11)	6.15% 20
Allow homeless individuals to sleep in their vehicles in public parking lots	36.92% 120
Allow homeless individuals to sleep in their vehicles in on-street parking spaces, subject the requirement to move their vehicle every 72 hours, as currently applies to all vehicles	31.69% 103
Allow homeless individuals to sleep in their vehicles in on-street parking spaces, with modifications to the existing 72-hour restriction	7.69% 25
Allow homeless individuals to sleep in their vehicles in on-street parking spaces, except in the downtown core	6.15% 20
Allow homeless individuals to sit, lie or sleep on public sidewalks	1.85% 6
Allow homeless individuals to sit, lie or sleep on public sidewalks, but not within a specified distance of building entrances.	9.85% 32
Other (please specify)	44.62% 145
Total Respondents: 325	

Question 11 asked in which, if any, City parks should homeless individuals be allowed to sleep. Respondents were overwhelmingly opposed to allowing sleeping in any City park, with “none” being chosen by 87% of the respondents.

Q11 In which City parks should homeless individuals be allowed to sleep? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 359 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	87.47%	314
Community Center Park	7.52%	27
Northslope Park	3.06%	11
Pioneer Park	7.24%	26
Quail Run Park	3.06%	11
Riverfront Park	6.96%	25
Santiam Park	3.90%	14
Westown Park	3.62%	13
Total Respondents: 359		

The final question in the survey asked if the respondent's answer to question 10 would change if the person experiencing homelessness was under the age of 18 and not accompanied by an adult. More than two-thirds of the respondents indicated their answer would not change.

“Other” responses to Question 2: If you are a Stayton Resident, do you own your home, rent your home, or currently homeless?

I live outside of Stayton, but go there frequently

I own a business

Live in Aumsville but shop in Stayton

Have Worked in Stayton the last 25 years

Own a house just outside Stayton

Live with family

Work in Stayton. Own my home.

I live with my dad (I'm an adult)

Fiancé owns his home

I live in Sublimity but work in Stayton

N/a

Other" responses to Question 6: In what areas of our community do you see homelessness being an issue?

Living in woods along the river. I no longer go to parks.

The park and ride and under the bridge

Begging, crime, theft, unsanitary areas, garbage, unsafe parks, mental illness, camping on the river where we fish, drugs,

Parking in business parking lots

Begging in Bimart parking lot, in cars at park and rides and near the River.

camping on business property without permission

Sleeping in the alleyway behind my house.

There where living on my property. Private property needs to mean private property

Theft, vandalism, open drug use, improperly disposed of trash

Sleeping in outbuildings on people's property

In public alleys,in trash. Around businesses.

Camping/sleeping near the river

Doing drugs on street corners

Shitting on sidewalks and leaving needles where children play

Camping/sleeping under bridges

Trashing public areas and facilities. Drug use

Trash, unsafe to walk trails with children

Everywhere

The bridge has been a huge issue

People living under the bridge, drug use and theft

Riding down the street looking in people garages

Generally, our City homeless problem is concentrated in our beautiful Downtown area, which annoys me. We should not be overlooking this. We have been trying to raise up the level of our Downtown from a point of businesses available and make it a pleasant experience for shoppers; to have homeless folks sleeping/reclining on Downtown sidewalks, defeats beautification efforts of the recent few years.

Residing by the river and library

Riding a bike through neighborhood and behind middle school

Camping in the park and ride

Theft from businesses. And private parties.

Camping/sleeping in parking lots

Sleeping behind the Community Center

I have witnessed all of the above at one time or another.

Cleanup of these areas is extensive

Sleeping on property

The men using the sidewalks of the library park to urinate & dedicate. Also INFRONT of children

Totally disapprove of tent cities that pop up. They are filthy!

Camping at park and ride

Sleeping in car in neighborhoods

RV

Using the community center back stoop to live

Drug culture and thefts

Altercations with homeless individuals

Garbage

almost daily i have to ask car tent rv campers to move from the lot on the south side of the masonic lodge from the stub alley and from my property with the lodge permission many times a year i have to cover graffiti

Living under bridges

The park and ride

Campers and rvs being parked on residential streets when they are not near a friend or family members residents.

Sleeping in vehicles and tents

Parking ratty vehicles on streets causing others problems in the neighborhoods.

Stealing and trespassing

Tents along highway 22 on the way to Stayton

Squaters

Sleeping at the bridge

Taking over river access on walking trails

Park and ride in sublimity

Under the bridge

Prostitution and drug sales rampant under stayton bridge. Can't even go there without being harassed. Used to love to go fishing there with my kids.

Bridges and park and rides

The bridge down at the santiam river is not a safe area anymore.

Pan handling

Park and ride

under bridges

Everywhere

Walking/riding bikes on narrow parts of the road (specifically the bridge)

By the laundry mat next to the minimart and cheers

Sleeping at Regis HS, schools,parks where minors frequent/play

Certain areas of Stayton recieve higher homelessness traffic than other areas of Stayton.

Park and ride

Stealing an staying wherever they choose

Garbage from camping in town

Camps down by the santiam river under/near the bridge.

Caught a guy sleeping at my child's school

The amount of trash, feces and drug paraphernalia is absolutely an issue

Starting fires, leaving garbage, ruining our town, not feeling safe letting my kids go to parks

Begging on street corners

They are everywhere!!!

Panhandling

Park and ride

Camping in cars on residential streets/neighborhoods

Sleeping in cemetery

Walking neighborhood and downtown stores

Cars or Rvs parked in residential neighborhoods or public space s

Parking in neighborhoods where children play. Leaving their trash behind. Drug use.

camping at the park and ride lots

Garbage and waste of reusable items such as blankets, coats, tarps, sleeping bags, etc. For example, one day downtown we witnessed a homeless woman stuffing a nice hefty sleeping bag into a public garbage can. Although I have not witnessed it, I have heard of cars being stolen from 2nd Street and things being stolen from people's boats and vehicles down by the river. I cannot say these are homeless people, but it could be so that they can get money for whatever their needs or wants may be. I realize that not all homeless people use drugs or alcohol but just may be down on their luck and other ways and unable to afford the high cost of housing.

Park N Ride

Camping/sleeping near businesses, use of private garbage cans, trespassing on private property, mail theft, trash and drug paraphernalia in public areas, parked vehicles...

Encampments along the river

Urinating out in the open

Rvs parked on vacation lots and at park and ride

Some want help and can be helped. Some don't want help and are difficult to help.

Occupying public areas not a park such as library

Garbage and drugs

Asking for handouts but not willing to work , trash, drug paraphernalia

Park and ride camping/garbage

The park n ride is a favorite spot- they also have been known to loiter around business

Panhandling

Setting up encampments in non-developed privately held land or county/city land. Example: near Knife River on the water, at the covered bridge park, in the wooded area at the end of Quail Run.

Parking on our streets, leaving garbage everywhere

Living on Santiam river

Destroying and stealing private property

Day camping in parks

Under bridge by knife river in pioneer park old trails

By the bridge

Frequenting areas where children often play using obscenities and behaviors that are often scary and disturbing to kids.

Old rundown RV's with expired registration

Sleeping and parking at the park and ride

Property crime

Sleeping in a car is only an issue when there is trash strewn about. Crime and theft is an issue when homelessness is caused by drug addiction.

The cleaners by Feres building supply

All

Run down motor homes parked on the street

camping at the river under the bridge and in the wooded areas there. they leave trash and I am concerned that campfires there could get out of control. Also if the river rises are they going to get caught up in the water.

Under the bridge

RV's in Park and Ride

Camps by the river, trespassing on private property

People not having a place to live, obviously.

Coming into our business, making a scene and having to be directed out. Also, sometimes having an unleaded dog with them

Camping on empty lots/trespassing on private property

Camping under the bridge leaving Stayton south

By our once beautiful river and now it's trashed by the homeless population. And some of our side streets have rvs parked along the curb! That is unacceptable! We taxpayers don't get nothing for free and all that we have we have worked for!

Panhandling, dumping trash in the park and ride, and camping in their vehicles in our neighborhood and being told by the police to not approach the individuals because they are known to become violent.

On business fronts

Needles left behind

Parking campers and trailers on streets for weeks at a time

Sleeping or doing drugs in the alcove at the back of our business building & parking lot (off of 1st St)

Walking onto our personal property. Lots of homeless activity going to and from the bridge. Also, seems to be more activity at or by the cleaners as your heading south out of town.

Park and ride

“Other” responses to Question 7: Have you personally had interactions with homeless individuals in Stayton?

After hearing fighting between male and female in the woods next to river we no longer go there to pick wild blackberries

Tend to avoid them

Experienced some unpleasant yelling; was not sure how to react or what to do. Happened several time in Pioneer Park. Seemed unsafe for kids to be around.

I don't want to park my truck at the river access when it's got people living out of their cars there. Look at ring doorbell footage, lots more crime at night lately.

I have been in a building when a homeless individual entered and had interactions with others near me.

I try to avoid eye contact and verbal interactions

Found garbage, knives, and drug paraphernalia left in parks. Unable to use Jordan Bridge for family photos because of homeless sleeping on it.

Had help with yard work from a homeless individual

Only meth addicts. Not pleasant.

You've inappropriately excluded some qualified answers to this question by limiting the options to only verbal interactions. An interaction does not have to include a verbal conversation to have a negative personal effect.

At work, they steal, broken into my car and home

Had a woman try and enter my home called Linn County police and reported also had a homeless man around my property in the middle of the night and ran him off

Having to walk past them on streets and in front of library

have been asked for "spare money" to give homeless persons.

Dog loose

Mostly visual

Walking past. No interaction

Stolen pop cans from my back yard many times

Just said hello, my neighbor has a guest living in a car outside their home

Non verbal - I'm nervous walking in the parks and I have seen homeless in the park on Ida Steeet by the river

Also have received many complaints from other residents

Breaking into homes

The homeless that I have had interaction with are on some sort of drug or drunk and are not in a mental state to have a normal conversation

negative Physical interactions

At the Pioneer Park restroom while with small children

Observed concerning behavior likely mental health

Throwing rocks at vehicles in front of my business

almost daily never pleasant to ask a camper to move or not piss on my house

Overhearing yelling and foul language and staring at kids while at the park

A girl was tripping on drugs all day down the Main Street & made her way to Sublimity & laid in the middle of the road.

Yelled at for not giving money to a homeless man in front of dollar tree. Chased by crazy lady when I was trying to go in to Stayton post office. Man masturbating in park area behind library... it's gotten bad.

Theft

The pan handling, approaching my car to ask for money, walking out into traffic

Witnessed homeless bathing in creek

My children were begged for money from a person standing at a corner of a street. They proceeded with giving him money. We don't need our children growing up in a town where they are being guilted to giving money to a person who could get a job.

Have seen a gentleman throw garbage over a fence which was to our backyard.

One individual has a pit bull on leash in manned and crossed an intersection off Shaff road. I almost hit dog roaming street. Same guy and dog went into my daughter record store in town and was just sitting in there making it very uncomfortable for my daughter who works her store in the afternoon.

Nonverbal interactions. For example, seeing them sleeping in the parks--Pioneer and River front, walking in the park, loitering in the downtown area near bars/ taverns, weed shops, and parking in the parks and in the park and ride. I realize not all of these people are bad people who are houseless, but it can make you uncomfortable not knowing for sure who this person is you are nearby. We have seen a man walking around the town wielding some kind of long item as if you want to keep your distance to stay safe.

Have been victim of theft by a homeless individual from vehicle parked at our business.

Crossed paths with many without any interaction, kept to themselves.

Thru Service Integration and handing out information.

Stumbled across a fire they set next to the community center which could have caught the building on fire.

Personally I've been approached while in my vehicle

We have had homeless people living in their cars park in our neighborhood. When they moved on they left bags of garbage, including depends with feces, on the road where their car had been parked. In another incident homeless people were using the porta potty in the neighborhood park to have sex. This is 10 feet from a playground. The police were called multiple times and although contact was made no arrests happened.

Masturbating in public park

Homeless man camping by the library as well as walking with my son we felt threatened.

Been glared at. They've crossed the road without looking. Trash strewn around. Needles and trash - not safe for walking

The homeless ask me for money and they are more than capable of getting a job.

Homeless people yelling obscenities as we are walking downtown, riding bikes, or at a park

I would rather not have to have interactions

Trying to remove from business premises; trash & clothes left

Wouldn't say positive or negative, as the person was clearly under the influence of something, but was not being "negative"

Make me feel incredibly unsafe with 3 children in tow when we're out

“Other” responses to Question 8: What are your top three concerns about homelessness in Stayton?

The decline of what small town USA use to be. Stayton was a nice community but it is rapidly changing for the worse.

Actually concerned about all of the above. We don't need Stayton to turn into a Portland or Salem.

I am very concerned that our response as a society to homelessness shows a lack of respect for quality of life to our children. It is not appropriate as a society to ignore, overlook, make excuses for the poor choices or accidental circumstances that cause individuals to become homeless.

Vandalism, trash, etc

Hobby Hut crime; I have personally seen drug paraphernalia at the park

i have witnessed and called non emergency line many times re attempted break ins to snow peak lodge napa etc no one else lives here police response great but

Needles I'm afraid of their needles

I am concerned of how squatters has so many rights and the home owner can't do anything

I'm concerned programs are enabling and not getting to the root cause

I'm concerned about them committing non lodgable propert crimes,being left on the street or cited and released at the scene by law enforcement and then revitalizing other parties. An increase in homelessness will increase the mentally ill population seeking services at the santiam memorial hospital and untreated mentally ill persons will commit more crimes.there are many many many children who walk around our community and it makes it unsafe for them and an increased potential they will be victimized by homeless or mentally ill persons.

Allowing and accommodating the homelessness to sleep, eat, 'live' where ever they please is NOT the direction we should be moving. The 'Homeless' choose or destruct themselves to the point of homelessness. The issues runs far deeper though.

Loitering, theft of homes and stores and word getting out that city of Stayton doesn't do anything about this and homeless people start moving in.

I am concerned that homeless individuals do not know that local support is available.

listing this choice to 3, does not do justice to the impact of homelessness in our community. All of these issues are not only concerns but 10/10 impactful on our community

Literally could check every box here.

The homeless need to go away before Stayton looks like Portland

If not handled it will be a large scale issue

I'm concerned about a witch hunt of the homeless.

There is pretty much no sense in trying to come up with funding to get them services they need because they don't accept it and I think we can give them a free bus ride to Salem or Portland whichever they choose! There is nothing in stayton for them here. We are a small community and in my opinion we need to keep it that way!

All of the above!!! Why are you trying to narrow it down to make the problem appear as just a minor issue!

“Other” responses to Question 10: What objectively reasonable measures should the City have in place?

Designated spaces for sleeping and parking

None of these choices address the problem

Remove them to a city that has resources. These people are not from here. These people are not just down on their luck, they have mental and drug issues. We didnt have this problem 5 years ago until people started to let this happen. Seems like they have more rights than the tax payers.

None of the above

Regulate all of the above. Make people register and sign contracts or agreements, with conditions and with consequences for violations. It seems reasonable to set up a site where camping is allowed, with a public toilet and trash removal. Dignity Village in Portland is an example of a place for the unhoused to get back on their feet.

Allowing is giving service. Please go drive around salem downtown and see what allowing does

None . Get them out

How about providing a place, getting donated materials and time to create a designated safe sleeping houses

The garbage and possible drug needles and human feces is unacceptable on public property.

Sleeping in vehicles in on street parking, requiring moving the vehicle every 72 hours and restricted from residential and school areas. If sleeping is allowed in parks, then not in parks adjacent to schools or in residential neighborhoods. Also, park camping only at night and must clear out in the morning, otherwise parks quickly turn in to encampments, preventing kids and families from comfortably using them.

Provide housing options

I don't know

Do not allow homeless to sleep/camp in parks, parking lots, or sidewalks.

The council should consider what undeveloped land they have available. Provide porta-potties, with tent spaces and vehicle parking. Spaces may be regulated to a 72 hour time period.

Send them to salem to sleep at the capitol

Give them bus tickets to Salem or Portland. They're the reason most of these people are here.

None of the above are reasonable

The current ordinances that apply to everyone are already reasonable and should be enforced. Crack down on drug use, trash and environmental impacts.

I think they should be housed in jail if they break the law and then they should be able to sleep in front of all the people who support them let those people that vote this crap in deal with them, or send them to the governors house!

How about send them to the governors house and all those that vote this crap such as legal drugs money and all the waste on the mass majority of homelessness whom choose drugs and this life over being a contributing member of society

Kick them out of town

Give them a ride to proper shelter

Designate a specific area for homeless to park their vehicles and/or tent area. City provide bathroom facilities and dumpsters. Work with local churches to provide assistance with food & clothing.

NO SITTING OR SLEEPING ON ANY SIDEWALKS! NO SLEEPING OR CAMPING IN CITY PARKS. NO SLEEPING IN CARS IN CITY. The Oregon state law, FORCING each City to take on homeless persons, without any assistance from the state of Oregon, is a crap law, and is unfair to citizens of each city!

It is not compassionate to let our fellow humans live in a way that is destructive to themselves and possibly to others. Laws need to be set in place and enforced as a deterrent to live a homeless lifestyle.

Don't allow it period.

Homeless individuals should not be allowed to sleep in parks thats are part of housing developments.

Don't allow at all!

Do not allow any of the above. No vagrancy, no loitering, camping with permit in designated campgrounds only. Fines for littering.

Find adequate shelter. Don't allow garbage in and around their vehicles for more than 48 hrs. Not near tax payer residences and businesses

None

Look at an area for this activity to temporarily house individuals that minimizes impact to property owners and general public.

Allow them to sleep and sit in public places IF THEY CLEAN UP THEIR MESSSES!

Homeless should be directed to shelters in salem where there are plenty of them. They are a risk to the safety of children and families in stayton

I don't know the solution but I do not want homeless people in my park or on the street in cars or on sidewalks.

What ever you allow, sanitation must be a major concern as well as not negatively impacting the lives of those who live in Stayton.

Not really in favor of this earlier due to the poor condition of said vehicles

Unmanaged zero barrier camping/housing should not be an option, period. There are plenty of examples to support that this leads to a rise in violent crime and property crime. You will lose whatever park you designate, should that be your choice.

Move on. Sleep in their car for 24 hrs and move on.

Sleeping is not the issue as much as everything else they do. There are laws about littering and defecating in public. Why doesn't the city start enforcing those types of laws

These are the choices? None of the above is my choice.

Public parking lot overnight only. No long term camping/parking and leaving their trash and drug supplies behind.

Do not let them sleep, sit private property, and businesses

Do not allow homeless in Stayton to stay outside

we do not have the resources or infrastructure here to help them we need to send them where they cannot get help. my office is on old town portland. each day i step through feces

There needs to be a SINGLE area for the homeless to occupy for everyone's safety. Where they can be sheltered and monitored.

Help get them the mental heath help 90% of them need. State issue not only Stayton

I don't want them parking on residential streets to live.

Parks are fine but not during hours when children are playing

Make them leave! I have offered yard work in exchange for food or money. They all have declined! Just looking for handouts, and was even told once "donations" I'm tired of the garbage and the acting out/unusual and erratic behavior!

Get them to larger cities with homeless shelters

None. It's trashy to the city as a whole.

Require cleanliness and no loitering around residential areas.

I believe we need to get them somewhere they can sleep inside like a homeless shelter

Don't allow homeless to loiter. These people need help and drug/alcohol treatment so they can become contributors to society.

Not sure, is there an abandoned building that could be used

I'm not sure here

Bus them to Salem they seem to be okay with it

If they have a car just go to Portland

All suck

No residential/ school areas

They don't need to be sleeping in public spaces

None of the above

There needs to be specific areas in Salem that the homeless can/ have to go. Services and food can be accessed. All of Oregon should financially support it. It has to be uncomfortable to be houseless to create a need to make a change.

Why are they exempt from littering and loitering laws?

None of these are great options

None of the above.

Give them a bus pass to downtown Salem

Move them to Salem where the resources are and they can provide there services

None of the above

They need to go somewhere else!

Not allow it at all

Don't allow them to sit, sleep, lie or park in city parks, sidewalks, business entrances or public parking.

Designate a safe parking/sleeping lot for the homeless and/or a designated homeless shelter that is regulated and safe

It should only be allowed at night. If they are breaking the law by littering or using drugs then they don't have a right to the public areas.

Tow their broken down rv's and cars to a location in Salem or refer them to services in Salem

None of these are good ideas, terrible. Dedicated, supervised structures, like an apartment building! The whole point is to get them off the streets and out of the parks, and any other crook and crany they 'live' in. Nobody likes walking around town with their family or dog and encountering filthy homeless people every other neighborhood!

Allow homeless to stay in cars in a designated parking lot that the city can police and make them adhere to rules and not leave garbage & fecies everywhere

None

I'm not sure of the solution but I don't like seeing the homeless vehicles or people randomly around town. I don't feel safe in the parks when I'm there with my grandkids. It'd be nice if they had a place to go away from everything where they can dispose of their garbage and be tucked away from the public. It makes our city look bad/unsafe when you see them. I really don't like the guy at bi-mart/roths who is constantly out there panhandling. I avoid that area if i can,

Create a designated space where this is acceptable which is monitored for garbage, drugs and other illegal activities

They need to be out of sight but under supervision.

None, No thanks. They should move along to larger cities that have the resources to help them, ones that already have programs/policies in place for the homeless community.

We need to find a way to direct them back to Salem or portland... more metropolitan areas

Move them back to where they started... I'd bet 99% of the homeless people around town are not from here. They migrated out here because the so called "leaders" of our city's county's and state has given all these people a free pass with no account of responsibility. Either ship them out of here back to where they came from or, Take them to the residences in Stayton sublimity and surrounding areas and let them live at their houses. I've seen a lot of people defending the "homeless" but aren't doing anything to help either. So if they want them around they can go there. And I'd also bet most of the "the homeless" have chosen this life. There is plenty of work around to get some cash and get off the streets. There is a gentleman that has done that I've seen him pumping gas at the shells station. Good for him. He's trying to give it a go so I wouldn't helping that guy out. But for the rest they're choosing this life so heck with them get them out of here.

Designate an area, with police monitoring and/or surveillance that is allowing overnight sleeping, that must be vacated and clean by a certain time of the morning. The trash and drug paraphernalia is out of control in our local parks of

None of the above

Provide a voucher pass for transport to Salem which has housing and funding in place for a large homeless population. Creating resources here for housing will only draw in a larger homeless population and create a problem.

None. They should either 1. Get a job or 2. Be on disability and have assistance. We are catering to the drug problem by allowing folks to live in their rock bottom. We have to stop adjusting our standards to make everyone fit. Let's offer them help and if they won't take it, then they need to be relocated.

One area should be opened up to the homeless to sleep that does not interfere with businesses or residences or schools.

City should work with bigger cities and find a building that can accommodate homeless people to take shelter. City Stayton is too small to take on such a project alone. They need assistance from other bigger cities like Salem.

Designate unused park and ride lots or abandoned business lots. Garbage has to be contained within their "house". Pack it in/pack it out. No camping in residential areas and active businesses.

None

Have places for them to go or specifically park that doesn't consist of a grocery store parking lot.

Allow temporary camping at a designated location

The city should provide a location indoors with meals, restrooms, bedding, garbage disposal, showers, intervention therapies, access to needed clothing and shoes, laundry services, and whatever it takes to get these people back into the community as productive neighbors and individuals, and into some type of affordable housing. However, I do not believe all of this should be provided for free or solely by the use of volunteers. It would be good for them to also be held accountable and help contract help (have chores) and have a contract for working, earning their keep with an established set of goals for making them successful and productive citizens. As taxpayers, we pay for entitling many of the houseless to things we did not intend our taxes to pay for. As taxpayers, we need to have our city streets back, our parks back, and not have to worry about our safety while visiting our city and amenities. The chamber of commerce has done much in the past several years to make our downtown Stayton and area fun, enjoyable, and help out the local businesses. However, this can be difficult to do and enjoy when you feel that your surroundings are uncomfortable and your insafety may be in jeopardy.,

Do not allow this, it will only create an open door for more homeless. Look at Salem and the problems it's facing daily. You create handouts and free services and more will come. It's a broken system.

Work with interested benefactors to create a shelter for the unhoused and disallow any sit/lie/camp on public or private property.

None of these are a solution and this survey is clearly not an attempt to find a solution rather a document to excuse why the city has no resolution. clearly this is a survey intended to educate rather than to seek solutions.

Put them in one spot and make them keep it clean and prohibit all alcohol and drug use

Set up a warming shelter and a covered area for camping

Allow use in specific designated places, not all parks or all parking areas

Regulate one area they can be in. Not near a business. Not in our parks. A vacant lot would best. No drugs or alcohol allowed if they don't follow the rules they can go to another city that has more resources for them.

None

Have places for them with controls

Homeless shelter

Na

I do not think overnight camping should be allowed. If someone sleeps for ONE night in a place such as the parking.ride, that's understandable- but beyond that they're responsible for finding somewhere else to be. A shelter, hotel, etc.

i believe that none of these should be allowed.

Not allow any

None of the above

Wouldn't the city be within the confines of the law if a specific area was designated as allowing people to sleep in a car or on pavement? The park-and-ride area that is near the Hwy22 on ramp would be an example of a public space to accommodate allowed overnight stays. It could be banned everywhere else including parks and residential streets.

Designate one public parking lot in the city for homeless as people to

Create a shelter for the homeless.

Find a church that will allow them to park, city parks have been vandalized too much

Arrest them for loitering and force them into some kind of rehab situation by law

designated regions only with some sort of supervision- to discourage drug, alcohol abuse and cleanliness

I dont know what the answer to this would be. I just don't want Stayton to turn into Salem where you have to step over people sleeping in your walking path. Also, those parking in front of houses for extended periods of time in vehicles or motor homes leaving thier trash everywhere.

None get a job or move on. Why should we have to worry about our kids playing at these parks

Designate one spot, away from citizens and businesses they may sleep at. Must be away from residential and commercial buildings

Do not allow-

Find a place specifically for them to go.

Should not be allowed

Humanitarian Resources should be made readily available for homeless, eg. Food, clothing, bathroom/shower option (chemical/portable?), counseling & human services (food stamps, help finding resources, employment opportunities, etc), etc.

identify non-residential public areas homeless can sleep

Develop a specific lot or space as the only except able location for homeless camping and do not allow them to take over our city parks or sidewalk

Don't allow homeless at all.

None of the above

Supply services to get homeless of streets, out of cars and into apartments, work with other communities to supply services.

Regulate the behavior of individuals who are sleeping in cars or sitting/sleeping on the street to not allow panhandling, accumulation of garbage or personal property that represents a risk to themselves or others, and enforcing regulations against public intoxication and trespassing. Give police the tools they need to get homeless off of the streets and into treatment/shelter.

parking in public lots should be limited to moving as with city streets

I would get in trouble for camping on public property so should the homeless

Make a safe place for them to sleep with supervision. Security guard, police, social workers. Put tiny homes for select people who are drug free and wanting to better their situation.

For those that do not have vehicles to sleep in perhaps have designated places for them to camp for a period of time. But provide porta potties and regular supervision. be it regular patrols by Police or others. Provide some kind of garbage receptacle.

Have them go back to Salem

Ensure that homeless individuals clean up their trash

You should not allow them any of the above. There are services they can go get.

Is there any way to get them to shelters nearby or resources of a bigger city?

Not allow them to sleep anywhere

I don't think they should be able to stay more then a day anywhere! Why should taxpayers have to pay for their nasty habits!

Stop allowing new developements that don't include affordable housing units

The problem with any of these is they will stay in one spot and move to another spot for the allocated time limit. Every single one of them have no regard for the home owners or property tax paying people of Stayton.

Bus ticket to salem

Without knowing the full extent of the homeless population in our city, I would propose that if any of these objectively reasonable measures come to fruition, that would allow homeless or other vulnerable individuals in situations as such have access to reasonable resources. Such as, the expectation of taking care of their own trash and 'dumping'. Adhering to laws expected of a city resident that may not be experiencing homelessness. I understand for many different reasons an individual may become homeless. I don't believe it is the city's responsibility to provide a 'space' for these individuals, or to encourage a 'safe place' for these individuals to have their own 'community'. I would be in agreement with having a central area or space for individuals in these situations to have appropriate access to an area, to dispose of their personal trash. There are other areas of town where we can care for or make donations to homeless in our area. One area may be in close proximity to the DHS office, even by city hall or vacant looking areas down near the south side of town in the vacant looking areas behind the newer business across the street.

Help the ones that want help get into housing.

Responses to Question 13: Please provide any additional comments.

I think the city should work with organizations such as MWVCAA to create a structured plan with structured spaces for both sleeping and parking.

It appears Stayton is looking for ways to enable homelessness in our community. It is true there will always be homeless people. We should be addressing some of the causes or it will only get worse. Drugs and alcohol addictions are a main cause. This problem starts at our borders so Stayton cannot solve all of this problem. Perhaps Stayton can take a tougher stance on drugs and alcohol availability, distribution and use. Our schools need to be active in teaching kids the dangers and the morality issues. Can Stayton assist the Churches to create programs that help people get out of their addictions and help people make good decisions in life? It is not a homeless problem. It is a problem of the human heart and our governments are helping corrupt generations of people that result in poor choices that effect their lives and everyone else's lives around them, either directly or through tax money used to clean our environment up only to have more homeless move in and damage it again. This state by allowing legal drug use has resulted in more people coming here for the drugs and they do not care that they are homeless.

Parks mentioned above are for our children to have a safe place to play. We all have rights, but 1 group of people should not take the rights of our children to have a safe clean place to play.

Homeless individuals have come into our office, unannounced, during business hours. Both times the individuals were not of sound mind, walking into areas not open to public, looking for food or other items. We serve an elderly clientele and have women in our front office that were made very uncomfortable and feared for their safety. As a town, we can't tolerate this public health and safety concern.

We need to protect common sense, families, and businesses. Once beautiful and prosperous, LA, SF, and Portland have become unsafe and undesirable cities. Strong measures should be taken to avoid such scenarios in our town.

It seems like these questions are allowing the problem to stick around. People are leaving Oregon because of this issue and people will leave stayton. We certainly will if the problem grows or continues. I work in salem as a firefighter and deal with this problem everyday I work. These people have mental and drug issues that stayton cannot support. We need to move them to a city that has the resources. Salem transports these people to santiam ER where they get discharged and stay in our community. I hate talking like this but I have experienced first hand what stayton will become if it continues like this.

Sleeping outside on a temporary should be permitted but camping or residing within the same outdoor location within a 24 hour period should be prohibited. The passing of handbills from a vehicle to a pedestrian or person outside of a vehicle within city limits on public streets should be prohibited. Persons seeking monetary donations should be required to register with the city, provide reasonable proof of legitimate civil service and be permitted with regulation on signage and location. Provide a temporary city approved camp site to individuals who volunteer to aid in cleaning of city facilities and parks.

The homeless should be offered help. Whether it's for drug or alcohol addiction or the need for education to get a job. Such as UGM. Enabling them to live on the streets does no one any good. Provide them with life skills and tools. If they do not accept they need to move on.

Outreach to kids to get them the help that they need and to insure their safety.

I have compassion for the homeless and wish there was a way to get them stable housing and mental health care. However, I am also concerned about the safety of my property and my family. There are frequently homeless sleeping in the alleyway behind my house and going through the trash, I'm leery about taking my kids to the parks due to witnessing violent episodes with homeless and drug paraphernalia left around. We've also experienced a homeless individual intentionally setting fire to a bush on our property (with eyewitness) only for that person to be booked and released, and walking by our house again within an hour. It's not a safe town anymore. I worry about my kid walking home from the bus stop downtown if she's going to be harassed or not. This is an issue.

To allow something is to except it. We need to offer them to stay at a shelter. Yes I understand we dont have that. Therefore they should go to a shelter.

Something need to be in force. I've kicked them off my property and there needs to be a high penalty for trespassing. Private property needs to mean something again. It is not ok

Homeless is Stayton has become out of control. We have had homeless living in our out building. I no longer feel safe in my home and have added extra security. I am very concerned about property value and Stayton is starting to become Salem. I know several people who have moved from Stayton due to theft. Every morning I get alerts from community groups regarding thefts and break ins that happened over night. Needles have been found in a box in our front driveway thrown out the window. Something has to change!

Thank you for asking for opinions of the community and surrounding communities. Please keep our parks safe and clean for the children of Stayton. Thank you.

If they are camping or parked in vehicle, they should be punished if they litter/leave trash everywhere.

Parks were purpose built as parks however they do currently seem to be the best solution available for the Homeless in the Stayton area. If they are allowed to be used long term by homeless, I think restrictions need to be made as to specific areas available and times of day that homeless can use parks as living quarters. Secondly, if homeless are to be given additional rights and protections by the City, I think they should be registered by the City. This would make them a more known factor. I also believe that before they can receive the new rights, they should have to provide at least three references of family or friends that are aware of their situation. Those contacts should be required to acknowledge their need for services and be points of contact for the City if necessary. Thank you for considering these suggestions as you deal with this important issue.

We have a teen center. We need a place for adults to seek shelter

More mental health assistance. And more low income housing availability. Better information availability for assistance, to help them .

I have seen drug use on the streets. I've been yelled at, cussed at, followed, etc. I'm a tax payer that no longer feels safe using the parks I help pay for.

Buy them bus tickets to Portland or California.

Obviously the task is more complex than the survey questions have covered. It appears as though you are trying to decide which park to convert into a homeless camp. Those parks in the less defined neighborhoods would be more ideal, but truthfully speaking does Stayton really have any of those? I have not been to Northslope park so it is not in my comparison. Of all the parks mentioned Pioneer park would be more ideal but isn't the city of Salem already housing homeless by the river? And what about all the funding that went into developing it as a city event park.

They should be relocated to an area with services for them, such as Salem, Eugene, or Portland. If they are not willing to use the resources that are available then they do not care to have help and we should not provide them. I have had several interactions with multiple of our homeless and have mentioned the above resources to each of them all met with a very brash attitude. I work for a fire department in the area and see this daily, a vast majority do not want help and are content with the ways they are living such as criminal activity, drug use, alcohol abuse, stealing, turning environments into trash sites. Give them an inch and they will take a mile. This needs to be handled quickly and sharply or it will result in a much bigger problem they are facing in larger areas.

If they're under the age of 18 there are more resources. I was homeless at 15. Stayed that way until I decided I wanted a better life. Measures such as 110, lax laws and lack of actual punishment is feeding the issue. Stayton is becoming over crowded and needs to address things like schools and road improvements. Salem and Portland make bad decisions and seem to have all the answers. They have the funding, ship the people into where they can get help.

If they are under 18 there are help options. They should not be allowed out on their own. If they refuse help they shouldn't be enabled otherwise.

Send the homeless to the Churches and the people who support them, send them elsewhere, they don't contribute to society, and make a mess for every one else, and now kids can't go to the park because there are homeless sleeping under the structure, and behind in the forest, and all the drugs and needles left everywhere, and the stealing has gotten so bad business are calling the Stayton police almost every day.

The people that continue to enable their behavior can house them and worry about them

There are plenty of programs available if someone wants help

People are discriminatory with what they don't know

We should, as a community, provide shelter, food, and basic human needs. My concern is the health and safety of law abiding tax payers. People stealing brazenly in the open at our community stores with no ramifications from law enforcement! We must maintain the Rule of Law.

We don't want Stayton to look like Salem. Parks are for the public to enjoy not trash and to be come unsafe.

The streets are not safe for the homeless or people who are not homeless. The amount of drug use being done in front of my small children is not ok. There are a lot of resources in the state for the homeless and as such they should be transported to Shelters

If under age 18 and unaccompanied, state should get involved to provide shelter through foster care.

ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPING IN OUR CITY PARKS!!!!!!! Our City Taxpayer-funded City parks, are for the

recreational use of our citizens and families and CHILDREN!! We do NOT need strange persons loitering in our small City parks!! DO NOT ALLOW SITTING/LOITERING/SLEEPING ON OUR DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS!!!! The more we make

our small town of Stayton a warm inviting place for homeless to come to and gather, THE MORE HOMELESS PERSONS WILL CONTINUE TO COME HERE, from outside areas, namely SALEM!!

Why is it that when I travel all throughout Montana and Idaho I literally see no signs of homelessness? No tents, no garbage and grocery carts strewn along the streets, no panhandlers at the freeway exits, no cardboard boxes on the sidewalks with sleeping feet sticking out, no unfortunate looking individuals walking around talking to themselves, waving their arms and are clearly "on something?" Yet, as soon as I cross the border back into Washington and Oregon, there it all is. And it gets worse with every passing month. What do large cities like Boise and Missoula do to prevent homelessness? Our city needs to make living homeless less desirable than not living homeless. The only way I can see to do that is to enforce all the common sense laws and limits possible to discourage this. As well as having services available to those willing to seek help. Maybe some people would actually benefit from jail time and have an opportunity to get clean? I would like to raise my children in a community where they can play at a park without having to leave because a belligerent man is crawling out from the corrugated culvert (tunnel) where he's been sleeping (the park behind the swimming pool), or have to witness a man who barely looks human (extreme lack of hygiene) stumble out from the bushes at Pioneer park swaying and falling down vomiting. It is very sad what we are witnessing and I don't suggest there are easy solutions. I don't have a lot of hope for the state of Oregon as a whole, but our town can do better than this. We have to do better than this for the sake of children and future society. Being strict on homelessness is not punishment, it's compassionate. Aiding and encouraging a homeless lifestyle such as allowing "camps," making it easier to use drugs, etc, is a crime in my opinion. Thank you for listening.

Quit tolerating this behavior!!!!

The homeless need to be made to sleep in shelters and not on the streets where families walk and play.

Don't enable - don't allow our area to become like Salem and Portland

If you permit it, you promote it. I moved to Stayton to get away from the homelessness all over Salem. Please keep Stayton a place residents can feel safe and be proud of

If someone is under 18 and unaccompanied, FIND THEM SHELTER. NOT ON STREET!!

More services are needed to track homeless people and assure safety for citizens and the homeless. threatening behavior should not be ignored and local ordinances enforced by the City of Stayton Police. Service links must be developed for mental health issues and other critical services.

Accommodations that support the continued use of illegal or regulated substances without any visible means of legally paying for this abuse should be actively discouraged and routed out of our area. Many of these individuals are abusive to themselves and others and should not be encouraged to continue their poor lifestyle and theft. Give people options for working, maintaining their sleeping quarters and watching out for others in similar circumstances. If they don't abide by common decency standards they should be moved out of our area, not to return. Give people a hand up not handouts. If they show efforts to make their situation/vicinity safer, cleaner and more positive then we should support that. Otherwise we will continue to see a spiral down for the whole community.

If people sleep in the parks, families will not take their children there. And playgrounds that were meant for children will go unused. Perhaps a specific area that does not have playgrounds.

I admit I don't know much about the homeless problem. If only a miracle could get them back on their feet. Also, I pray I never become homeless. One never knows.

End homelessness by ending all handouts that encourage homeless to remain homeless

Big problem nationwide but for our city we need to do something and I'm glad this is up for discussion. Wish I had a solution.

Please be proactive. Designate people to meet with them and work to solve their issues. Sanitation needs to be a huge concern. Youth should always be cared for. Please do not put regulations in place that attract large numbers from surrounding areas.

If they are underage, they should be taken to State agencies in charge of children services.

A lot of these individuals are able to work they just don't want to and want to live off the system. I have everyday communications with many of them and some have been this way for more than three years. They also don't pay tax's but expect certain benefits that raise taxes for those paying taxes. Everyone should pull their own and not expect the government to take care of them. As we the people are supposed to be the government and elected officials are supposed to be working to solve issues and make things better for all not just a chosen few.

And passing unenforceable laws or decriminalizing things that enable individuals to become homeless due to the circumstances they have come to be with.

I highly suggest incorporating additional community outreach agencies such as Northwest Human Services - HOAP, Be Bold Street Ministries and Church At The Park. Their knowledge and expertise in working through homeless issues is invaluable and would help our city formulate a more effective approach. They could also wind up being our partners in getting the homeless here plugged into services.

I think parks should be off limits. So many children play at our lovely parks and we don't want them exposed to drugs, alcohol, human feces, possible nudity, etc. There are hiking trails we haven't even been able to use because of the homeless. We do care about them, but they need to stay away from areas where children are.

There are so many jobs out there. I feel for the homeless but These homeless people can find jobs or chose this lifestyle. Their lifestyle shouldn't become my problem. I have never been without a job myself.

There use to only be about 3 homeless people I would see around town for years. Now the park and ride is their home base and I have multiple of them running around my neighborhood. I would like to see something be done about this

I see a man sitting at the entrance of bi mart and surrounding area begging for money. Then I saw him smoking Marijuana in plain site of middle school kids on their way to school. It's inappropriate and he should be talked to by police. If I'm seeing it just driving past so are others. Also the crime in the neighborhood by dairy queen has gotten out of control

The City can work around alot of these laws regarding where homeless people sleep. There are other issues they can enforce and prosecute the person for things like theft, vandalism, drug use, littering and defecating in public. Stayton police need to do more instead of sitting back and watching as these homeless camps get bigger and bigger. They City has to stay on top of these thing or it will get so out of control we will start to look like Salem and Portland.

I am unsure of the solution to homelessness in Stayton, but know the problem is getting worse.

If you allow and facilitate this behavior this town will turn into a toilet.

Measures should be enforceable and enforced. Also, is it possible for sleeping rough to be centralized and supervised?

Oregon as a national magnet for homeless migration has now pulled in small towns. Rural residents choose less access to urban recreation, less diverse medical care, resources, etc. because we prefer the safer atmosphere of a small town. I take my children to the park less & less often to avoid the drug impaired. I change dining plans downtown if someone is sleeping on the sidewalk nearby. Businesses are burned from warming fires, and stolen from in the thousands of dollars. This problem will worsen if we enable. Are state of Oregon funds available to transport homeless folks to existing shelters?

Mental health/shelter resources within the community may help some, but only if those affected will use them. The homeless with whom I have interacted, have been offered services and declined to use them.

Make a designated area, maybe within the community center or close to the police department where the homeless shelter at not obstructing call home businesses and family private homes

There needs to be a shelter where homeless can get food, sleep out of the weather and get the mental health and rehab services they so desperately need.

I feel that we should not offer services for homeless that enable them to remain homeless. There are plenty of services available for those who actually want to utilize them. I do not want Stayton to end up like Salem boot them back to Salem and get them out of our parks and streets. Let's see some police activity to get the out of here.

measure 110 and Boise are not freedom. my office is in old town. i realize some in pdx think that shattered window glass is portlands diamonds in the don (ex city comish) poop and pee are freedom of expression that tents empower. no. we as a society need to do better. OSU surplus has ex rotc blankets free to gov agencies cots too. rather than ruin parks pdx parks are un walkable can we use community shelter lot for 24 hours walk off part of cc for u a minors and shuttle to salem where resources are available.

This survey seems very one-sided as to the issue of the homeless in the Stayton area.

This issue is larger than Stayton. Get state help!

I thought all parks were closed to the public after dark. Kids with no adult to care for them should be in foster care not alone and homeless. If the city wants to provide a place for homeless to park then they should make a parking lot for them so they can stay off the residential streets. They deserve a hand up not a hand out. Do something about property taxes so that rent can be lowered, then maybe people could afford to not be homeless.

If they would pick up after themselves, stop exposing themselves while going to the bathroom, stop acting like their tweaked out (drugs or mental problems.) When told no for hand outs, stop following the person begging at them or getting mad. This causes confrontation and somebody's going to get seriously hurt because of this.

If they were under 18 and not accompanied they could be in a group home/foster home.

I am far more concerned with the property values decreasing with the increase of low income/government subsidized housing in the form of apartment complexes coming into the community than the homeless issue. As a new community member and homeowner I'm disappointed to see a apartment complex go up down the street from the park where my kids play, as my parents would say "there goes the neighborhood"

The city is restricted by the states ridiculous laws. Look at Salem, Portland, etc. Stayton is turning into a haven for homelessness which places a burden on the cities finances and residents.

generally where there are homeless people there are drugs. I have walked in pioneer park and I see old needles laying on the ground. Does this seem like a good place for our children to play. If the city would like to create a place specifically for the homeless then go ahead. But our parks and public streets should not be something that we need to keep kids away from.

It's not safe and makes people uncomfortable for kids who go to parks to play, or family gatherings...there are shelters for this situation. Plus my tax dollars clean those parks and it's unfair that they can leave trash or belongings and not be responsible for it.

The state should have resources for anyone under the age of 18 to have food and shelter.

Do not allow homeless to sleep or camp in parks where kids will be!!! They should not be allowed to set up camp wherever they want. They make it disgusting and don't clean up after themselves.

We do not take our family to Pioneer Park anymore because of the homeless and drug abuse. I work in Portland and we do not want our community to end up like that. Our tax money should be used to help get these people treatment for whatever has led them to be living on the street. If they refuse the treatment they should not be allowed to stay.

If the child is alone, then a foster care type of program is mandatory. Keep them from getting hurt by others that could be dangerous. If with a family, then McKinney Vento must come into play and local help is needed.

Keep homeless where cops can keep an eye on them, not where they can hide and be nefarious. If they want help bus them to Salem where there are shelters available

If something isn't done this town will look like Portland and Salem in no time

We avoid some parks because of homeless persons and their drug use

Individuals under 18 need a safe place to sleep.

They need to be isolated in one area. They should not be allowed to park in vehicles and sleep in them on streets, in front of houses, etc. As home owners of purchase this property and we do not want nor will we tolerate a homeless person parking in front of our house? The city requires that homeowners maintain their yards, their sidewalks, and it's pretty hypocritical to require homeowners to pay to repair sidewalks and maintain their property while allowing homeless people to camp and trash anywhere they want

We need affordable housing not campgrounds for the homeless in city parks.

Under 18 should be mandated to get assistance.

Mental health, substance abuse and low income services are very much needed. At the same time, it's hard to help those who don't want help. I'm sick of the trash that's everywhere as well as public intoxication that has blighted our community.

I understand homelessness, what I don't understand is the garbage, human waste, drugs and stealing that comes with it. Many have resources available but choose not to use them.

This is a terrible situation, but I also don't want my tax dollars for parks and such to be abused by people... any people.....I as a general citizen could not get away with what we are allowing homeless people to do

The city needs to find resolutions for people who WANT help. If someone rejects assistance from the state, they need to move on and not stay here. Florida has laws against panhandling and you see virtually zero homeless people there. They stay where they continue to get handouts. They need to get clean and get a job, or go somewhere else. Send them to Portland.

People shouldn't have to be taking these types of surveys about oregon's homeless epidemic. Our local governments should've done something about it when the problem started. Instead they haven't done anything for years.

Get the homeless out of our city. Stop catering to them. If this is the choice they are making, it shouldn't impact those of us who pay our taxes and abide by the laws. I'm so tired of our state encouraging homelessness. There's no reason for them to work when it's all handed to them.

We can not enable these people get them to Salem where they can get help and a job or mental help or drug treatment

My kids should be able to enjoy the parks and playgrounds as children should without having their innocence destroyed listening to screaming and seeing people relieving themselves and acting like we are intruding on their property when we try and play at the park or enjoy a picnic.

If you start providing too many services without requirements it becomes enabling behavior. Build the industry and it will become permanent

Sadly, with homelessness comes crime, drugs and garbage. It's the sad reality. It's unsafe to go to the city parks, or downtown and if it continues to get worse, my family won't be able to enjoy those areas. We do not want Stayton to look like Salem. They need to get resources to help them in the bigger cities and move there.

We don't need Stayton turning into the Salem homeless situation that is grossly out of control. There are government agencies and resources in the state to help them. Stayton does not need to turn into a wasteland that Salem has. A shelter needs to be established and a safe parking lot utilized for these individuals with sanitary measures and facilities available.

We've seen the homeless population grow recently and have had many conversations in our family about why, and what to do. It seems like an impossible problem. We talk a lot about not making the 'choice' to be homeless a normal one. We understand people can easily be in a position that they don't have a home, but we hope that they are encouraged to find their footing and participate in the community.

I think there needs to be a zero tolerance. If there is litter even if it's not theirs they need to pick it up or get kicked out. If they are intoxicated or caught with drugs they need to get kicked out. No exception should be made for mental issues. The severe cases need to be dealt with by getting help. How? That's hard to say for me but we can't tolerate or we just enable and the problem grows. It's tough love. Hopeful there are services that get developed to help rehabilitate people or keep people from going down the path to begin with. The biggest impact is trying to prevent it from growing and letting it be accepted while working on a long term plan that is continually getting refined.

Homeless people don't want to be in shelters because they don't like rules, or they don't want to be apart from their significant other or pet. Refer the homeless persons to Salem, OR and educate them on Arches, Simona place, the union gospel mission, safe sleep, lighthouse shelter, etc. I moved to this area to GET AWAY from transients once word spreads this area

is supportive of homeless people, they will come in droves and not stop!!!!

Allowing and accommodating the homeless population will only deteriorate the situation. Having a dedicated structure like an apartment building would be better! Getting them off the streets and out of the parks is the whole point, not allowing them to just 'live' anywhere they please. Obviously the problem runs much deeper, the state we live in can't seem to figure anything out other than self-destruction, and it affects EVERYONE'S life who lives here. I enjoy the outdoors and the parks and the whole point to go is to get away from people!

We need to start a homeless shelter that allows people to build their own homes and provide for the small community on the property. Grow food, sell stuff they make and stay clean and sober. End of story that's how you help someone giving them a hand up not a hand out!!!!!!

We need to keep the parks clean so people can enjoy without drug paraphernalia and the smell of human waste. Must keep them controlled like rodents.

Get rid of them

Designating area where it is allowed to be overnight will allow enforcement officers to maintain and monitor. Maybe the answer is one park, but certainly not every where and any where.

Minors who are homeless should be in a shelter or in foster care if there is no adult to provide for them.

IF WE ALLOW ENABLE THEM TO LIVE ON THE STREETS IN OUR TOWN MORE WILL COME AND THEY WILL NOT GET THE HELP THEY NEED AND WILL BECOME A BIGGER ISSUE

The homeless individual that was sleeping at my child's school didn't even know where he was or how he got there- he didn't even know why state he was in. He was high the last time he remembered getting on a bus. How does that even happen? But, it's certainly scary when they are sleeping it off under the shelter of a school.

We have a great number of homeless in our area with a lack of options and resources for these people. However most people in homelessness do not want help or take the resources that are available to them to get out of the

situation they are in. Due to mental health, drugs etc and they are ok with how they live. After talking to multiple individuals most don't want to do better

We need to find a way to get these people out of our community

There are devices in place for those individual under 18 and experiencing homelessness, we need to be better at getting them in touch with those services. I own a business that looks directly at the back of the community center where people have been living. I have seen them use narcotics, drink alcohol, masturbate, urinate, lite a fire that could engulf the community center, and scream. It is a hindrance on my business, and makes my employees nervous and feel extremely vulnerable as they are leaving.

I don't want to see any homeless people on the streets. It brings garage to the streets, safety concerns for walking the streets with my kids, if you allow some more will come and stayton will turn into a hole of a town to live in!!

This crap has to stop. Stayton and sublimity used to be a great CLEAN town until all the liberals started moving here and turning this place into a complete shit hole. As I've said above if people feel sorry for them they can go stay at their house. The amount of theft and garbage around town has gone through the roof. This has to stop. Don't turn this great community into a slop hole like every other democratic ran city in this state.

Let the homeless sleep in their cars next to City Hall and the police station. I have been verbally harassed by a homeless person while walking in local parks and my young child was verbally harassed by a drugged up angry homeless lady sleeping in Pioneer Park. This is not safe. Their garbage is extensive and it's not safe for our community. Don't make it more inviting. Fix the problem to remove it, not welcome it.

If we allow homeless a place to stay comfortably, they will not take the initiative to help themselves out of their situation. I understand you may think you're doing the right thing by housing homeless but this will only cause an issue within our small community. You will see crime rates and public safety at an all time high. Please consider transportation to Salem where these systems are already in place along with mental health resources.

Our community youth play at these parks. We hold baseball games at these parks. Come on Stayton....this is ridiculous to even think for one second that allowing this is a good idea. I pay a lot of taxes to live here and I certainly don't want to financially contribute to cleaning up the messes these people make. Once you make it known that homeless have so many "rights" in our area, you can expect 100 more homeless people to move in.

I feel that the homeless regardless of age need a safe place to exist and are given the opportunity for help whether it be drug rehab, a job, a chance to be off the streets and succeed.

Under age Youth should be taking to a facility that can provide them with needed services. I came from a large city that allowed homeless to linger throughout the city. There was parks taken over by homeless, drugs and mental cases not being tended too. I hate for this small community in Stayton to have to get to this point. Actions needs to be taking to avoid this.

Pan handling should also be curtailed and enforced. Stayton and surrounding areas do not have the physical or financial resources to adequately support homelessness. Whatever plan you come up with needs to steer the homeless to locations that can help them get out of homeless was not just band aid it with making it easier to stay homeless. The plan also has to support families and neighborhoods so they are not negatively impacted by homeless camping

There are options for homeless kids under 18 in Salem and through child protective services

For any minors, I feel the children's services division of the state of Oregon should become involved and provide and care for those individuals appropriately.

Please do not ruin this small town by creating a safe haven for the homeless population. Salem offers free services to homeless with Arches and UGM. This creates very large problems in the city of Salem and will only have the same effect here in our small community. At most, provide free transport vouchers to Salem so the homeless population can have access to these services there. DO NOT provide them here. It will only cause MORE homelessness.

I would suggest working with the schools, Teen Center and other resources to help teenagers experiencing homelessness. There are a number of folks in the area that might help shelter youth in such circumstances.

Children may need additional help and services.

So tired of going to Parks with my grandchildren and avoiding people sleeping on slides, on the covered bridge and next to park restrooms. If they are allowed to sleep in the parks, there should be a time for them to exit the park. Also, I live by the parking lot next to the pool. When people park and sleep on the other side of my hedge, I feel totally unsafe. Also, I'm tired of hearing how harmless these drug addicted homeless people are. They are on drugs and unpredictable. I want to know why anyone would come into a small community that doesn't have

services....

It is horrible that we have to answer these questions, I have never experienced homelessness and I don't know the negative impact my answers might cause for these people. Do I want to see them sleeping in our parks? No. But do they need a safe place to exist? Yes. And they should be treated like human beings, with compassion. Not like animals that are pests.

Keep them and their trash off the river and out of the parks

Clearly designate a portion of the park for camping. No camping elsewhere in the same park. Limit the number of days. Require them to place garbage properly. Team up with SOCC which provides a bus to weekly showers. Foursquare church does laundry and a meal.

The accumulation of garbage and destruction of property when homeless camps are permitted makes it unsafe for families to use public parks. We need a better solution for homelessness instead of allowing laws to be broken. Those that want help should receive it to get off the street. Those that choose the lifestyle should be held accountable for breaking the law.

Let's put the focus on finding safe, creative solutions to the homelessness and not on policing infractions.

If they are under the age of 18 they should be placed in an appropriate facility with the resources they need. If they are not accompanied by a guardian.

Halfway house

I think every possible measure to link the individual or persons with assistance to get into a shelter should be sought, but if the person or persons refuses then I believe what they are doing is a crime and they should be handled in accordance with the laws already in place.

It is not safe for them to sleep in parks. Do we have another option?

My answer for minors doesn't change because we should find more suitable places for children than a city park

The criminality that comes with the homeless population is a threat to the citizens of stayton and should be discouraged in the community as much as possible

N/A

I no think it may be time we offer our version of a house less shelter as they do in bigger communities. Also if we have one I'm unaware of it or where it is located. I also think any uneaten school lunches could possibly be offer to the house less community. No pick up at school locations but maybe at the community center or a church in town. I'm not sure what is done with all that food but just a thought.

The people I'm concerned about are those abiding by the laws. Those that are homeless have options to use other than camping and making our public parks and private property littered. We need to nudge them in the direction of help available and not force others to put up with them not seeking that help.

While homelessness is a dire issue in Oregon we have to find a way to balance enforcement of the laws that we all have to follow. Our current issue have more to do with our unwillingness to deal with hard situations. There are services to help with food, places to help find shelter, and help for those who are drug addicted. We need to find ways to encourage anyone experiencing homelessness to use them. We also need to enforce current laws around littering, drug use and camping. Our current system has been ignoring those for some time under the guise of "lack of funds", as if the clean up, the long term rehabilitation, or the demise of our town has no cost. The cost is clear to many who have to clean up, avoid drug paraphernalia and to those who feel unsafe to enjoy our parks, rivers and streets. Please find a way to make Stayton a safe family environment again.

The homeless needs to go, stayton is to small for this

We need to have designated areas for those experiencing homelessness that is safe and regulated. Trash service,restrooms,shelter. Church at the park in Salem has a couple communities that have been working well.

There are many individuals that are choosing this lifestyle and could work but don't. Ban pan handling. If people actually want help they can get it otherwise it's just people taking advantage of the situation.

None

If a child is homeless and unaccompanied by a parent/guardian then they need to be collected by DHS so that they can receive services and be assigned an emergency foster placement.

Parks are not designed as "living" space. Designate a specific area known as a short term living space. People under 18 are still considered more nots and should be considered separately.

Sleeping in parks shouldn't even be an issue. We need to renovate and use some of our empty or abandoned buildings to give people experiencing homelessness a safe, warm place to sleep.

Since Stayton has no services for warming shelters, food, or social services an effective solution would be to work with relocating to an area that has these services to get homeless back on their feet. The ones who don't want help tend to be the ones out at 2am going through cars, porches, and garbage cans leaving the garbage scattered.

Allowing homeless in town just causes theft, burglary, assault among other crimes towards your tax paying citizens also included leaving trash everywhere in the town they need some sort of help before it gets worse.

The only way to help them and the communities is to force them into rehabilitation jail, if they break laws and psychological and drug abuse mandated treatment.

The Santiam canyon will continue to face an increase of homeless persons if the lack of support and services remains. As Salem-Keizer enforces regulations, these individuals will migrate to the canyon. If the canyon does not enforce regulations then Stayton will become the next hotspot.

If it wasn't for crime and trash, nobody would really be that bothered by these people. But can't have one without the other!

Na

I would like to see a differentiation between allowing the camping or sleeping of unhoused individuals and the acceptance of garbage and drug paraphernalia in the open.

Have a designated area in the park and go for those individuals sleeping in their cars that cause should be runnable and they need to be responsible for picking up their trash everywhere all vehicles need to be presentable and running not broke down and not around residential housing or in Park area with children are going to be playing. Must be able to move vehicle within 72 hours

I see the homeless in Stayton being dirty and disruptive.

There is enough programs out there for help. They need to use it to get better.

I don't like seeing any homeless person in stayton. They leave garbage and make our town look worse. I worry for the safety of my children with these persons around, especially with the drug issues that they have had (notably around the bridge on stayton scio)

I feel that there are resources available to most people experiencing homelessness but the majority of those people won't take advantage of these resources.

Keep enabling this behavior and Stayton will soon look like Portland and Salem

I believe in our small community we should not be allowing homeless individuals to sleep camp etc. in our parks and sidewalks etc. My son is scared to go to the park or go on a walk because of encounters we have had. It's not fair. Outside dollar tree the other day was a homeless man begging for money as well as touching himself. I had my 8 year old son and 1.5 year old daughter with me. This is NOT okay.

Don't start this up- our rural communities don't need to attract the mess, drugs and crime. Those who truly need help benefit by getting structured help - not by being allowed to sleep on sidewalks and parks.

The homeless are humans suffering far worse than those judging them from high horses. I am a non-Christian waiting to see all of the golden religious values being expressed instead of hate, fear and bigotry... Challenge set, show me who you are as a human. Good and faithful or dark and fearful!?!

defined areas must be provided to the homeless so they can be directed to that area rather than left to choose any public or private location

There needs to be a process to help homeless families with school age children to access the services the district offers. A lot of times they don't realize the school district can help if they have school aged children.

We don't have a lot of homeless people in Stayton, thankfully, but some of the few we have are not mentally well and cause scenes in public areas or even relieve themselves in places other than bathrooms. Both of which are unacceptable. Some of these people actually need help and others just don't care about being considerate or hygienic in these public areas because there's no consequences for them. No one in the community (or any community, for that matter) should have to avoid public areas that their own tax dollars pay to upkeep because some homeless person decided to use the area as a bathroom.

I have had personal family experience. Most don't want to help themselves. We don't want to become a Portland@

They are human beings who deserve respect. Their situation is hopeless so regulating where they are allowed to exist is inhumane, un- christian, un- American and just plain wrong. Let Stayton set the gold standard for how to treat our fellow citizens when they fall on impossibly difficult times. Let's find solutions for helping them rise out of homelessness, not punishing them. They do not choose to be in this situation, many have medical and mental health needs and way to many are veterans. Let's be the beacon of hope that they desperately need and as a

community, rise together.

I do not feel comfortable with homeless people sleeping at any parks. My children run and play in these public places and I am concerned with drug use and paraphernalia. Some homeless people are very intimidating to be around and I would not choose to take my child to a park where I feel unsafe. Let's reserve the parks for children and pets, please.

Na

The city should work with the state to help keep the homeless out of the parks/streets/cars and if our town does not have the resources neighboring cities should as well that way we can all work together as a community.

Laws should apply to everyone equally. Camping in parks is prohibited for good reason. If someone is under 18 and homeless, with parents refusing or unable to care for them, the state should be providing housing and care, just as they would if they were in the foster system. If drug abuse is an issue, OYA should be involved and get that child into treatment. Make the available resources know to the public so that they can donate time and money to the programs that actually off help and solutions to homeless individuals.

continually making concessions to homelessness has not solved anything, only worsened the situation. resources are available but often homeless do not want to do what is necessary to received resources, like remain sober or work. it feels like a no-win situation

Stayton needs to stay at n top on this and make sure the homeless don't come to stayton. Don't turn stayton into Portland.

I don't understand question 12. Unaccompanied minors should be sent home or to a foster care?

Clean up the town

Sweet Home has built small houses/shelters for their homeless population. Would that be something that perhaps our High schools could build for a class project in shop class?

The state and cities waste more money on the homeless and expect the community to pay for all these programs that fo not work, hold them accountable just as you would a taxpayer. If I leave garbage in my yard i will get letters and fines. If I camp in my trailer in my driveway I will get fined. By allowing homeless to break the laws dose not help them it only let's them know they can keep up the behavior and acts they are currently doing.

If we do not get a hold on this issue, we are going to end up with the same large scale issue that is occurring in Salem.

If we continue to give, and give and give, they will continue to take, and take and take, and the problem will grow, and grow, and grow. Same action, same result.

I work in Salem near the Capitol and have experienced multiple negative interactions with homeless people. One tried to get into the backseat of a young co-worker's car. We've had to start keeping our building doors locked because so many were coming inside our building and causing problems. If the City of Stayton doesn't act, our workers and residents will have similar negative experiences.

People live here because they want away from the garbage happening in Salem. We pay to use our parks and they're dirty and unsafe. There are services out there but you have to be clean to get them. This is not a homeless problem, it's a DRUG problem!!

If you're so worried about people being homeless, give them a place to live.

I guess I don't want to punish homeless individuals, but I think there needs to be harsher laws. If we force them to get help - that seems like a better solution. They must check into a drug/alcohol rehab center. Or they must use resources provided by Salem nonprofits to get back on their feet. Catholic Community Services in Salem helps homeless people every day and has a wonderful track record.

Stayton has good connections with providing available resources to help. It is difficult to want to accomodate those who don't take advantage of said resources. I have seen more people parking in the grocery store parking lots overnight. I don't think that is an appropriate place as it is private property.

This is becoming a HUGE issue for safety our kids can no longer go to parks and or walk around like they used to. It is maddening to see what is happening!

If they will be allowed to sleep in a park, then they should be rounded up and not be able to spread out. And make sure they are not camping too close to neighborhoods or businesses. Keep their nastiness in one area, so if our city workers are the ones having to pick up after them then it's all in one park!

There is a huge difference in the homeless who want to change their behavior and the homeless who do not. Stayton/ Marion county needs to have a space for a shelter. Those who want to occupy the shelter and better themselves should be put to work for their stay. Once they show they are serious maybe get paid by the city and

work up to reduced housing and then to a home. But must make progress and stay clean. Those who do not wish to stay at the shelter and abide by the shelter rules or stay clean, must go else where, out of city limits.

Stop harassing the unhoused and running them "over the bridge" to Linn County. They are our problem. Provide safe places, and more affordable housing, and make sure that each individual is offered the services they need to get off the streets.

This is all wonderful as long as you do something about this rather than keep "meeting" about our options... I feel like things like this go nowhere .

While I have concerns for the homeless (depending on their circumstances which I understand is hard to monitor), I feel strongly that we should not be enabling/allowing the situation to continue with no consequences. The drug use/addiction factor is my biggest complaint. I don't know if the city can pass any stricter laws regarding 'allowable' drug use/possession than what state has now passed, but that has truly let the horse out of the barn and created huge ongoing problems.

Any of our city parks are just that. Google purpose of a city park and you will find habitat for many different animals. Places for recreational opportunities, not limited to governmental, religious or other celebrations that we all contribute to. City parks also can increase property value, attribute to local economies, even combat crime. We live in an area where we have our youth, kinder and younger, kinder to high school already struggling for safe space after school or during summer. Using or choosing a specific city park is absolutely not a good decision. I'm sorry to say that I don't have any type of specifically safe area ideas I can think of. I'm not sure financially how our city plans to spend or afford specific monies to afford to continue 'care' for the homeless. Such as the few ideas I have already suggested. What I see are ppl that have no where to go. Maybe individuals who need mental health care in order to heal.

Maybe some need health care dental emotional help in order to heal. Maybe some need basic living skills. All of those which we don't have access to in our community. So many options to consider. I wish the best to all who are experiencing these hardships chosen or otherwise.

Kindly

Thanks for addressing this troubling issue.

Keep the homeless out of our parks. Children do not need to be around the garbage, drug and alcohol use, and filth. Send them back to Salem or better yet to California.



MEETING SUMMARY STAYTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE Community Listening Session

Monday, April 10, 2023

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

1. Public Comment

Wendy Stone

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Stayton, OR 97383

Representing Santiam Heritage Foundation – Brown House

Starting to see an issue with homeless individuals around the Brown House. An individual entered the Brown House unlawfully (door was left unlocked). Ms. Stone told the individual that he must leave and that he was trespassing. He became irritated. The biggest issue is the trash that is left around the outside of the house. Ms. Stone has sympathy for those who have no control over the situation.

Wendy Leedle

625 E Marion St

Stayton, OR 97383

Works in social services and lives near the park. She sees people (homeless) cleaning up after themselves. She does not see needles or trash. She does see them using the bathroom at Pioneer Park. Don't group all the homeless into one group, they are individuals.

Mark Fery

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Thanked the City and Stayton Police Department for their response. He feels things have gotten better. The homeless are here – we are a hub. The homeless he has spoken to want a warm, safe place to be. If there is a way to accommodate, we should work at that.

2. Small Group Summaries

Group 1 (Jared, Kim...)

Motorhome/Cars parking.

Concerns for safety.

Find equity and balance for the whole community.

Group 2 (David Giglio, Tricia, Becky...)

Provide purpose and legitimacy to homeless.

Creative solutions.

Separate between who are residents or are just traveling through.

Safety concerns; Theft – Cars stolen. Are cars registered?

Increasing support and services may attract more homeless.

Do not enable them to stay homeless.

Group 3 (Mark, Adam, Cari...)

Safety; Impact on businesses when homeless are in the area.

Different types of homeless.

Provide a limited area for homeless with strings attached.

Lack of resources – lack of spiritual resources.

No warm or cooling centers in the area.

If we don't want them on sidewalks or parks, where do they go?

Places for people to park who are working but not making enough to secure housing.

Group 4 (Ben, Sonja...)

Community Support. If we provide services, are we enabling the behavior?

Safety.

What is the money source if services are offered?

3. Discussion

Questions on public property and shelter. "No barrier" shelters.

Time restrictions in parks; overnight camping (sleeping on slides and tables).

Communication with homeless.

Potential short term and long term code amendments to comply with ORS 195.530

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<p>SMC 2.64.1600</p> <p>Personal property taken into the custody of any department by reason of seizure, abandonment, or for any other reason shall be disposed of per ORS 98.245.</p>	<p>This provision does not account for ORS 195.500 – 195.505 which require the City to have a specific policy for the handling of campsites and disposing of property removed from a campsite. ORS 195.500 has been in place for several years, so this code provision is currently not in compliance with state law. As a formatting note, this section is not titled and has a subsection number unlike the rest of the Code.</p>	<p>Amend code to reflect current laws and proper formatting</p> <p>OR</p> <p>remove the clean-up references from the Code and address the statutory requirements via admin policy. The statute just requires the City to have a “policy” to address camp clean ups. The statute does not require that the City have such a policy in its Code. Some cities have adopted standards in their codes, but I believe it is just as common to have an admin policy without anything in the Code.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>SMC 8.12.020 CAMPING PERMIT</p> <p>1. No person shall camp in or upon any public property or under any bridge unless a permit is obtained from the Chief of Police or designated representative or by declaration of the Mayor in emergency circumstances. An application shall be filed with the City for each RV, tent, or campsite.</p> <p>2. The Chief of Police or designated representative may issue a permit to any person to park a recreational vehicle (RV) or to camp upon any public property. A permit issued under this section shall be issued when the Chief of Police or designated representative finds that the following criteria will be met.</p> <p> a. The applicant has made arrangements for appropriate sanitary facilities and drinking water;</p> <p> b. The proposed activity for which the permit is issued is not likely to disturb the peace and quiet of any person</p>	<p>This regulation is essentially a City of Boise camping regulation that was determined to be unlawful in <i>Martin v. City of Boise</i>. It regulates camping on all City property and does not make allowances for someone experiencing homelessness. Under <i>Martin</i>, the City should not enforce this regulation. Under ORS 195.530, the City should remove this regulation altogether, or significantly amend the regulation so that it is objectively reasonable as applied to someone experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>Either amend section to exclude people experiencing homelessness “Other than those experiencing homelessness, no person shall camp in or upon any public property or under any bridge unless...”</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Delete this section in its entirety and work on long term solution. <i>Note: Staff is hesitant to remove in its entirety because there could be unintended consequences.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Delete portions of the standard but retain others. For instance,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> require a permit but remove duration limit. <p><i>Note: this could be very problematic if Chief</i></p>	<p>Need input from Task Force</p>

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<p>c. The proposed activity is unlikely to result in litter, trash, garbage, sewage, or other unsanitary material being placed or left on public property; and,</p> <p>d. A permit shall not be issued for camping in a public park unless it is in conjunction with another City approved event, such as a festival in the park and does not interfere with the needs of the City such as normal city services.</p> <p>3. The permit may be granted for up to ten days. A permit shall not be issued to the same applicant more than once in any thirty-day period.</p>		<p><i>is permitting and officially sanctioning camping.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove the permit provision and then define what “public property” is or is not subject to the camping prohibition. This would have the effect of allowing camping on certain public property. As an immediate and perhaps stop-gap solution, the City just needs to identify some public property that is available for sleeping in order to address the July 1 deadline under ORS 195.530. Given the relatively small homeless population, the amount of land made available does not need to be extensive. 	
<p>SMC 8.12.030 PARK HOURS</p> <p>Public parks of the City shall be closed to access and use by the public between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless a permit has been issued by the Chief of Police or designee or a facility use permit has been issued by the City.</p>	<p>This provision needs more analysis. The closing of all parks overnight could be a problem if there is not enough other city property open to those experiencing homelessness. Based upon the current population of homelessness and the availability of other city property, this could be objectively reasonable, but would need to be reviewed over time as the homelessness population changes</p>	<p>If 18.12.020 is retained, amend this section to state “except as allowed by 18.12.020”</p> <p>If removed, then this section may need to be moved temporarily as well</p>	<p>Modify “unless a permit has been issued by the Chief of Police or designee or a facility use permit has been issued by the City” based on direction/decision for 8.12.020</p>
<p>SMC 9.20.010 PUBLIC URINATION OR DEFECATION</p> <p>No person shall, while in a public place or in view of a public place, perform an act of urination or defecation, except in enclosed toilets provided for that purpose.</p>	<p>This type of regulation has not been litigation to my knowledge, but this very well could be a problem if there are no facilities available to someone experiencing homelessness. While the City does not need to provide facilities, if there are no facilities to use, this regulation could be unreasonable</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>Ensure that wherever camping is ultimately allowed has 24 hour access to restroom facilities</p>

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	as applied to someone experiencing homelessness that has no other options.		
<p>SMC 9.24.010 MINORS NIGHTTIME CURFEW</p> <p>1. No minor under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be in or upon any street, highway, park, alley or public way or place between the hours specified in subsection 2 and 3 of this section unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person over 18 years of age and authorized by the parent or by law to have care and custody of the minor; or b. The minor is engaged in a lawful pursuit or activity which requires the presence of the minor in such public places during the hours specified in this section; or c. The minor is lawfully emancipated pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes <p>2. For minors under the age of sixteen (16) years, the curfew is between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.</p> <p>3. For minors sixteen (16) years of age or older, the curfew is between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m..</p>	<p>This type of regulation has not been litigated to my knowledge in the context of homeless youth. However, it seems plausible that a case could be made that a curfew regulation applied to homeless youth is unreasonable. Because the case against curfews is not clear under ORS 195.530, I am not recommending action, other than to point out the possible issue. Also note that ORS 419C.680 already establishes a curfew between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m. As a result, one option would be to remove this local regulation and rely on the state statute</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>Need input from Task Force</p>
<p>SMC 9.24.020 MINORS DAYTIME CURFEW</p> <p>1. No minor between the ages of seven (7) and eighteen (18) years, who has not completed the twelfth grade, shall be in or upon any street, highway, park, alley or public way or place during regular school hours except while attending school as required by state law unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person over 18 years of age and authorized by the parent or by law to have care and custody of the minor; or, 	<p>As with the nighttime curfew above, I do not believe that immediate action is needed. However, this type of curfew regulation could be a problem as applied to a homeless youth that has been expelled or suspended from school.</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>Need input from Task Force</p>

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<p>b. The minor is engaged in a lawful pursuit or activity which requires the presence of the minor in such public places during regular school hours and is authorized by the minor’s parent, guardian, or other person having the legal care and custody of such minor; or,</p> <p>c. The minor is lawfully emancipated pursuant to state law; or,</p> <p>d. The minor is authorized and approved to be away from school as provided by state law, but is not suspended or expelled.</p> <p>2. For the purposes of this section, regular school hours are those hours, for the full-time school, which the child would attend in the school district in which the child resides, on any day for which school is in session, unless such day is scheduled vacation or holiday observed by the school.</p>			
<p>SMC 10.12.060 STORAGE OF VEHICLES ON STREETS</p> <p>1. Except as otherwise provided in SMC Title 10 and SMC Chapter 8.12 no person shall store or permit to be stored on a street or other public property, a motor vehicle or other personal property for a period in excess of 72 hours. Failure to move a motor vehicle or other personal property for a period of 72 hours constitutes prima facie evidence of storage and may be towed in accordance with this Title.</p> <p>2. Discarded Vehicles as defined in SMC Chapter 8.04 may not be stored on a street for more than 24 hours.</p> <p>5. Personal property which is stored in violation of the provisions of this Chapter relating to storage of personal property on streets is subject to removal and disposal in accordance with SMC Chapter 2.64 and Oregon Revised Statutes. [Subsection numbering error appears to be a</p>	<p>A 72-hour regulation is likely objectively reasonable as applied to someone car-camping on city streets. However, we do not have a definitive answer on this question from a court. As noted above as to SMC 2.64.1600, the City’s current disposal provisions need to be updated to comply with ORS 195.500 – 195.505. I recommend correcting the subsection numbering error, which can be done immediately as an administrative matter because the ordinance adopted by Council is numbered correctly.</p>	<p>Update disposal provisions to comply with ORS 195.500-505 and correct numbering. No other changes recommended for the prior to July 1 deadline.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Remove the clean-up references from the Code and address the statutory requirements via admin policy. The statute just requires the City to have a “policy” to address camp clean ups. The statute does not require that the City have such a policy in its Code. Some cities have adopted standards in their codes, but I believe it is just as common to have an admin policy without anything in the Code.</p>	<p>Need input from Task Force</p>

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codification error. Original ordinance does not show this numbering error.]			
<p>SMC 10.12.150 PARKING PERMIT VIOLATIONS</p> <p>It shall be unlawful for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any person who represents that they are a person who is entitled to a residential parking permit when not so entitled to one. 2. Any person who fails to surrender a permit when the person is no longer entitled to it. 3. Any person who parks a vehicle displaying a residential parking permit at any time when that person is not entitled to it. 4. Any person to park in a designated residential permit parking zone without displaying a permit issued pursuant to this Chapter. 	<p>There is nothing fundamentally wrong with this regulation in relation to ORS 195.530, so long as there are city streets where someone can car-camp. As the homelessness population increases, the supply of areas where car-camping is allowed needs to be continually evaluated to ensure that the regulation remains objectively reasonable.</p>	<p>No recommended changes as there are currently no enforced residential parking permits in Stayton</p>	<p>Need input from Task Force</p>