

# Encampment Monitoring Program

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Presentation to the Advisory Committee on Implementation of  
Rules of Removing Unsanctioned Homeless Encampments

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**Seattle**  
Office for Civil Rights

# **SOCR's Role – What we do**

**Monitoring program is guided by an MOA between the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, Finance and Administrative Services and the Human Services Department:**

*The Seattle Office for Civil Rights will provide high-level oversight to ensure the City is following the Multi-Departmental Administrative Rules (MDAR 17-01), the Finance and Administrative Services Rule (FAS 17-01) and other adopted policies pertaining to removing unauthorized encampments as they may change from time to time.*

# **SOCR's Role – How we monitor**

- **Conduct a review of monthly operational reports and encampment removal data collected by the City via REACH or other agency partners.**
- **Perform random site visits during encampment removals. Document observations and provide immediate feedback if critical, including halting removals if necessary to preserve compliance with MDAR 17-01 or FAS 17-01.**
- **Conduct interviews of encampment clean-up personnel, law enforcement officers, residents, and other stakeholders.**
- **Issue a semi-annual report detailing observations, findings, and recommendations.**

# Our work in 2017

## Timeline

MOA signed in April. Monitor hired in May. Second monitor brought on in July. (both had served in role in 2016)

## Monitoring Team

Two monitors (Civil rights investigator, RSJI staff) and SOCR Policy Manager

## Number of sites visited

17 sites visited since May of 2017

- 10 Encampment removals
- 3 Outreach only
- 4 Sites where schedule changed. Monitor reviewed notices posted and interviewed residents.

# Our work in 2017 - 1<sup>st</sup> Report

- Report sent to FAS 10.6.17.
- Awaiting departmental response. Anticipate release the week of Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A set of 5 observations made to date.

# Areas of observations – 1<sup>st</sup> report

1.

Adherence to protocol.

2.

Impact of rules on individuals.

3.

Whether institutional *mechanisms* exist to ensure people are moving into stable housing – housing options provided.

4.

How the prioritization of a site is determined.

5.

Whether the institutional *structure* that currently exists ensures we are moving people towards stable housing – do we have the right departments at the table and in the lead?

# Our work in 2017

## Next steps

- Continue monitoring.
- Release of report – week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Second report (Jan 2018) will follow up on these observations, include any new findings and provide a set of recommendations.

# Questions?

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