

From: [Karyn Blasi](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Chip Hellar](#)
Subject: Belltown: Encampments and Injection Site
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:49:02 AM
Importance: High



Hello Frances,

I was told you are reviewing public feedback regarding encampments and injection sites in Seattle.

I am writing to you as a very concerned home owner in Belltown regarding the safety of my family (which includes a husband and two daughters ages 10 and 11).

I am requesting that (1) the needle exchange/injection site be placed closer to Harborview or an appropriate hospital and not in Belltown and (2) that trespassers and encampments not be allowed anywhere in Belltown.

My family and I have been exposed to incredibly disturbing drug addicted people who have been blocking the sidewalk under the Hwy99 northbound on ramp (photos attached and since I took those, it has gotten much worse, more than 8 tents).

I have been contacting a variety of departments for clean up. And while they have responded, the trespassers come back the next day and set up camp again. This must stop.

This sidewalk is a main thoroughfare to the Pike Place Market for us and many of our neighbors (and is in my backyard). Having trespassers blocking the sidewalk especially while using drugs is incredibly unsafe for us and our daughters.

Thank you for your consideration and doing anything possible to ensure these encampments are removed permanently.

Karyn Blasi Hellar

From: [Andrew Otterness](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Camp on sidewalk
Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 9:21:18 AM

Frances:

Albeit this very polite and informative reply from Shana at the city's Customer Service desk, my concern is that City of Seattle absolutely must not allow homeless camps on the sidewalks. One homeless person sleeping against the wall of a building and leaving early in the morning is something we've dealt with and 'walked around' for many years. A dozen homeless persons setting up tents and belongings and trash that takes over an entire public right of way is dangerous and impedes our daily rights and safety in navigating the City.

The City of Seattle must be swift and vigilant in prohibiting this type of sidewalk camp immediately rather than following 'polite protocol'.

Thanks for reading my email,

Andrew Otterness:

From: InquiryNotification-DoNotReply@seattle.gov
Date: February 10, 2017 at 00:06:05 GMT+1
To: andrew.otterness@me.com
Subject: Reply to your inquiry to CSB - 17-00019815

Dear Andrew Otterness,

Thank you for taking the time to report an unauthorized encampment. I have forwarded your concern to the following City agencies: Seattle Department of Transportation for the camping on public right of way & the Human Services Department for possible outreach. This site was previously reported and we realize it is an ongoing problem. Unfortunately, the number of homeless camps has continued to skyrocket and we have well over 300 clean-ups pending throughout the City. Each reporter feels their area is being neglected and should be a priority. In addition, once a site is cleaned, campers just continue to return. As you may have seen or heard in the news, the City is currently reevaluating its approach to dealing with the increased number of campers. We hired a new Director of Homelessness and he is charged with studying and implementing new strategies that we hope will get more campers off the street faster and more long term. Mayor's Office as well as City Council have been working on this issue for some time. The most recent update come from last week and can be found in detail at the following link: <http://council.seattle.gov/2017/02/02/homelessness-update/> Public comments are currently being reviewed on them. If you would like to provide feedback, you can do so using the following contact information: By mail: City of Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services Attention: Frances Samaniego P.O. Box 94689 Seattle, WA 98124-4689 By email: frances.samaniego@seattle.gov This is a major social problem that we do not have a quick solution for. It is not an image we are proud of but I can assure, this issues is affecting every major City on the West Coast. This is not simply a Seattle issue. We realize how frustrating it is understand your concern. Thank you again for providing feedback.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please click [here](#) and send us a message. Please do not change the subject line.

Sincerely,

Shana Smith

City of Seattle
Customer Service Bureau
(206) 684-CITY(2489)

P.S. We want to know how we are doing. Please take a moment to fill out this online survey by clicking [here](#).

If you have a new request or concern, please click [here](#) to submit a request.

From: [Melody Paxton](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Camping
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:54:46 PM

Dear City,

I have read the documents associated with the proposed camping issues. First let me say I applaud the efforts to address this very complicated issue. I know the pressures applied from many different sides of this hotly debated topic. I am concerned that we are still at hiring levels of the mid 1970's for Seattle police officers and there is no real way to hire quickly enough. Without enough officers none of these measure will be able to be enforced. Even in a perfect world of solving the camping issues we don't have enough officers to enforce the plan.

As a resident of Belltown, I would like to suggest a few things that I believe would help.

1. Outlaw panhandling/begging
2. Outlaw camping on city streets, sidewalks, and parks
3. Enforce no loitering laws
4. Take the veterans coming from the military that have been highly trained and give them an expedited training on Washington state laws and make them police officers. It would take 22 years of hiring as fast as we can to get caught up in hiring the way we are going!

Sincerely,

Melody Paxton

From: [Share Shelters](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: City of Seattle Draft Sweeps Regulations
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:00:51 PM

SHARE

PO Box 2548

Seattle, WA 98111

(206)448-7889

February 15, 2017

To: City of Seattle

Department of Finance and Administrative Services

Attention: Frances Samaniego

P.O. Box 94689

Seattle, WA 98124

Re: MDAR 17-01

To Whom it May Concern:

We the men and women of S.H.A.R.E., are strongly against the proposed “unauthorized homeless encampment enforcement procedures” (MDAR 17-01), and removal of personal property from said encampments as outlined by Fred Podesta.

We find this proposal to be oppressive towards homeless people and allows subjective interpretation of the guidelines due to intensive legalese and prolific grey areas of encampment description.

There is no protection provided of the individuals private property once removed from a

“swept” site, no indication of identifying the camp it came from, the process of labeling property, nor the process in which property is to be identified and retrieved. The removal of personal property has already been an ongoing problem as some of this property has included sensitive medications that individuals have needed on a daily basis.

As an organization that is made up of, and supports, large numbers of homeless individuals on a daily basis, we feel this proposal needs to be reevaluated and worded in a more specific manner that provides protection for the homeless that are being removed from their home.

The first priority of regulations regarding homeless people should be their protection - being homeless leaves one in an extraordinarily vulnerable situation. These regulations rather treat homeless people as an inconvenience for others in the community with many more advantages.

For these and many other reasons these proposed regulations should be rejected. We are willing to assist in future efforts to set clear standards regarding encampments. Our expectation, though, is that the effort begin with the affirmation the housing is a human right, and in it's absence individuals constitutional rights must still be honored.

Regardless of the disposition of these proposal we will continue working cooperatively and constructively with others to shelter the thousands in King County tonight who have no access to affordable housing because there is simply not enough affordable housing.

Sincerely,

The SHARE Direct Action Work Group

On behalf of the 500 men and women of SHARE

From: [Tracy Domingues](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Comment on changes to encampments
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:14:52 PM

Dear Government Employee

Until the city figures out exactly where people will go for the alternative shelter to encampments, these changes are only going to cause more encampments--it's going to make everything worse.

I am a soft-hearted Liberal. There are very few taxes, bonds, levies, and the like I have voted against since I began voting in this city over 30 years ago. But I think we are doing no one any kind of service by letting people sleep under bridges, on grassy spaces in freeway cloverleaves, in underused public and out of sight spaces. Last summer someone died while sleeping in a tent in the state owned land off of the 45th St offramp on northbound I-5.

Many of these places have no toileting facilities and people defecate and urinate in public. They excavate inclines on hillsides as they literally dig in to their tent sites. The sites are piled with refuse and debris.

Get an end-to-end, comprehensive solution or don't do it at all.

And, for what it's worth, I find it really irritating that if I make mess on public property, I am expected to clean up after myself or I am potentially fined and/or cited for failure to do so. Yet, if you're camping these days on public property and you leave a mess, someone [the taxpayer] will clean up after you. So really we are paying for this problem multiple times with the cost of public service to move along people, to clean up and repair after them, to collect and store their belongings, to provide social services. Let's get this right this time and not keep on doing it over and over.

From Tracy on her not always smart phone

From: [martha tofferi](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Comment to Proposed Encampment Rule
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 1:31:31 PM

This rule (or another similar rule) should include removal of derelict RVs and the trash they generate.

martha tofferi
2620 31st ave w
seattle, 98199

From: [Elisabeth James](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#)
Subject: Comments on 2017 Proposed Encampment Rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:10:28 PM

Dear Staff Assistant Samaniego:

I am the Interim Chair of Speak Out Seattle! (SOS!) and submit the following comments and suggestions regarding the City's proposed encampment rules.

General Comments

First of all, SOS! would like to thank the City of Seattle for proposing new rules to address issues surrounding the removals that address both the current lack of available shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, storage of their possessions as well as that of the remainder of the city's stakeholders who also have rights concerning the use of publicly owned property.

As of May 2016, Seattle's official population was reported at 684,451, representing an increase of 15,339 new residents or a 2.3% in population. At around the same time, January 2016, Seattle counted 2,942 unsheltered people living within the city limits, a 4.6% increase over the prior year (while King County generally experienced an increase of 19.4%). This has all occurred while nationally, according to the HUD reports, the total number of persons experiencing homelessness has been trending down since 2011.

At the beginning of 2016, Seattle had under 250 known unauthorized encampments (per SERIS database). In December 2016 that number was reported to have climbed to over 400 (per Jesse Perrin of Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office). This in spite of the city having conducted 246 encampment removals in 2016 (provided in response to public records request). Many of these removals were at the same sites as no assets were provided, such as personnel or fences, to prevent return by individuals who refused alternative shelter options.

In reviewing declarations and exhibits from the ACLU's lawsuit against the City of Seattle, it is clear that the city is aware that a large number of these unauthorized encampments are riddled with criminal activity, unsanitary/toxic conditions and truly sad suffering in the form of progression of the diseases of addiction and mental health. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions cause unsheltered persons to be victims of their own inability to make reasoned decisions for their own safety and welfare. As well, criminal activity spills out into the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of assaults and property crime.^[1] Thus, all city stakeholders have an interest in permanently removing encampments as quickly as possible in a humane manner that addresses the rights and responsibilities of all involved.

The expense to the various city departments in providing police, fire, medic, public utility, social services and other assets to these unauthorized is likely staggering (no information has been made public and responses to public records requests have been exceedingly slow in coming). Therefore, it is in the best interests of the city to effect policies that reduce costs and effect the desired result: the elimination of all unsanctioned camping within the city limits.

Specific Comments & Suggestions

We are happy to see that the proposed new rules substantially address many of our concerns. However, we would like some additional clarity, particularly with certain provisions of the FAS Encampment Rules 17-01:

1. **FAS ¶ 3.4** – definition of "Obstruction." We would like to see language inserted in here that includes more specific protection for landowners and businesses abutting public property where homeless individuals repeatedly camp out and

negatively impact the operation, safety and prospects of the business operators' and landowners' right to quiet enjoyment.

2. **FAS ¶ 4.7** – we propose the following new section: “Once an encampment has been removed, the city must fence off the site and/or provide daily inspections for 30 days minimum to deter return to the site and to reduce the likelihood of campers reestablishing the encampment. After the 30 days have elapsed, the city may remove the fence and reduce site visits to once per week for a period of no less than six (6) months. FAS shall post information relating to its removal and subsequent inspections on a publicly available City website.”

3. **FAS ¶ 5.1.3** – we believe a correction should be made under the (8) subsection to this paragraph replacing “homelessness individuals” to “encampments”. We also believe that this paragraph should include a requirement that unauthorized encampments within one (1) mile of a city-sanctioned encampment should be included as a priority for removal.

4. **FAS ¶ 13.6** – we believe this provision that there be no more than ten (10) “Emphasis Areas” should be stricken. The city has a duty to protect the rights and safety of all its stakeholders and this section unreasonably restricts the city from carrying out those duties.

SOS! does not have specific comments or suggestions relating to MDAR 17-01 and believe that our above comments to the FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 are incorporated in this response.

Request for Communications

We sincerely hope that Seattle will listen and incorporate our comments and suggestions into the final rules. Please contact us to discuss our comments further as we believe that the response by the city must be holistic and respond to the needs of all stakeholders.

We understand that the city is being pressured by advocates who appear determined to ignore the inherent dangers to particularly to homeless individuals, but also to the general public to the detriment of all. To that end, SOS! wishes to assist the city in any way possible to defeat these extreme and irresponsible demands.

Again, SOS! would like to receive a response to our comments. Please reply to the email address below.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Elisabeth James, Interim Chair

Housing Solutions Committee, Co-Chair

Speak Out Seattle!

www.speakoutseattle.com

speakoutseattle@gmail.com

[1] Please note that current statistics reported by the police department only reflect calls that result in an incident number. A statistical review of the actual numbers of calls to 911 supports an increased crime. Anecdotally, numerous individuals in neighborhoods surrounding unsanctioned encampments (Ballard, West Seattle, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, West Edge Downtown, etc.) report that when they call 911 they are told no officers are available for hours or at all due to higher priority calls. In addition, attempts to call the non-emergency line to report threatening behavior, attempted assaults and property crime are reported to require wait times of over 45 minutes thus reducing the actual crime statistics.

From: [Denice Chase](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Office of the Mayor](#); [Johnson, Rob](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#)
Subject: Comments on homeless encampments
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:13:27 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

I think Seattle has gone above and beyond to protect homeless citizens and their possessions. I do have some questions after reading through the policies. Some of the questions/ comments are about timing since it has been over a year since Mayor Murray established a "state of emergency"

Biggest Question:

- How many people have been housed this past year that were on the street?

How much did the city spend discussing encampments in parks?

- Cost of our city councils salaries?
- Consultants?
- Time lost that we could have been building tiny homes and working with established organizations?

How much does it cost the city to move an encampment of 6 tents? (knowing it varies depending on the size of the encampment)

- Personnel cost. Police, social workers, outreach personnel. Parks department personnel
- Equipment. Dumpsters etc to remove trash
- Cost for 60 days to store one person's possessions? (I believe that is what the policy states)

What relationship does the city have with organizations like Mary's Place and Youthcare?

- Both of these organizations have a proven track record
- They have Policies and procedures in place that don't have to be recreated
- They keep data and can provide results
- Could the city provide funds to expand these programs?

How has the homeless situation in this city impacted tourism?

- My understanding is that only 5 cities in the US are reporting increased homelessness?

Tiny Homes

- Cost Effective. \$2200./home. Multiplied by the approximate 3000+ people on the street =. \$6,600,000. Leaving the city \$41 million of it's reported \$50 million dollar budget

on homelessness for land and oversight

- Decent, Safe housing
- Per Seattle times 2/15/17 Danny Westneat. Big results for the price tag (95 people off the street)
- **Suggestion: Create small pockets of these homes in neighborhoods.** Lets avoid Hooverville/ housing projects of the 80s. With all the upzoning that is occurring if you put 2-3 of these homes on a single lot already owned by the city, neighborhoods could adopt the community. Especially if you are putting families with children as a priority . I walk past a couple of boarded up homes in my neighborhood? I am not sure who owns them.

Respectfully

Denice Chase

Denice_a@comcast.net

From: [Andrew Kashyap](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Burgess, Tim](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Johnson, Rob](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Daugaard, Lisa](#); [Patricia Sully](#)
Subject: comments on MDARs
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:53:21 PM
Attachments: [PDA MDAR comments.final.letterhead.docx](#)

Mr. Samaniego,

Attached are the Public Defender Association's comments on the FAS Encampment Removal Rule and the amended Multi-Department Administrative Rules.

Thank you,

Andrew Kashyap
Senior Attorney



810 Third Ave, Suite 705
Seattle, WA 98104
Mobile: 206-818-7849
andrew.kashyap@defender.org
defender.org

From: [Daniel Malone](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: comments on proposed FAS Encampment Removal Rule
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:04:14 PM
Attachments: [Seattle encampment removal rule comments Feb 2017.doc](#)

Dear Frances:

Attached please find comments from DESC about the proposed FAS Encampment Removal Rule. Thank you.

-Daniel

--

Daniel Malone
Executive Director
DESC www.desc.org
515 Third Avenue
Seattle WA 98104
direct:206-515-1523
receptionist: 206-464-1570

From: [Greg](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Comments on proposed homeless rules
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 10:54:08 PM

These comments pertain to the proposed FAS 17-01: Removal of Unauthorized Encampments from Property in City Jurisdiction.

Section 7.1 and all of Section 8: the word "shall" should be replaced with "may" in all cases. The City should not be held liable if it doesn't conform precisely to its own removal protocols. The onus should be on the homeless for some accountability not on the City.

Section 9.1: delete entirely. I find it hard to believe that ALL CITY PERSONNEL (everyone who works for the City of Seattle!) shall leave their desks to go to an encampment site. What an event! Even if not well written, this section doesn't add anything and should be deleted.

Thank you.

Gregory W. Hauth
66 Bell St, 102
Seattle WA 9812

From: [Herbold, Lisa](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Kranzler, Andra](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Perrin, Jesse](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Rehrmann, Lily](#); [Scarola, George](#); [Potter, Chris](#); [Podesta, Fred](#)
Subject: Comments on proposed MDARs
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:20:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Dear Frances,

I believe that there are significant improvements to the new proposed Multi-Department Administrative Rules for Encampment Removal. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments on the FAS proposed Encampment Removal Rule and the amended Multi-Department Administrative Rules as follows:

1. I appreciate the commitment to transparency with an online database that will help policymakers, advocates, community members, and encampment occupants monitor the implementation of the City's MDARS and adherence to them. Please also consider, while maintaining this transparency, the safety of encampment residents who may be even more vulnerable if their identity and location is reveals and please address this issue in the final MDARS.
2. I appreciate the commitment to prioritization criteria that have as their focus bonafide health and safety threats. In order to truly conform to the principles of harm reduction, please define the term immediate hazard with additional precision.
3. Please create additional specificity for what process will be used to designate an "emphasis area."
4. Departments with ownership of property have the responsibility for application of the prioritization criteria, please also maintain a role for FAS to retain oversight of this task.
5. As it relates to prioritization criteria #3, I believe that FAS should consider amending the rules to provide a specific opportunity for clean up before removal of an encampment containing this prioritization criteria.

6. The Executive reports that, under the current administration, there has not ever been a need to use arrest as a means of removing an encampment. The Executive is to be commended for this and I would request, in the spirit of maintaining our commitment to an approach that does not result in an arrest nor criminalizes homelessness, that the language contained in new proposed rule clarifying the authority of FAS to request police action to charge people with criminal trespass be removed.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my input to the MDARS. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions.

Best,



Lisa Herbold

District 1 Councilmember, Chair Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee

206-684-8803

lisa.herbold@seattle.gov

CONNECT WITH LISA

Get our weekly newsletter with detailed
District 1 and citywide updates

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES



From: [Alison Eisinger](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#); [Podesta, Fred](#)
Cc: [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Johnson, Rob](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Burgess, Tim](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#)
Subject: Comments on Proposed Rules FAS 17-01 and MDARs 17-01
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:53:04 PM
Attachments: [20170215 Public Comment Coalition on Homelessness.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Samaniego – please find attached our comments.

Thank you,
Alison

Alison Eisinger
Executive Director
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
77 So. Washington St. Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 204.8355 (direct) (206) 204.8350 (main office)

**We work collaboratively to ensure safety and survival for people who are homeless,
and to end the crisis of homelessness in our region.**

Join us & take action!

www.homelessinfo.org

From: [Jean Darsie](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Comments on the proposed rules for encampment removal
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:48:58 PM
Importance: High

Following are my comments on the revised rules for encampment removal located at this link:

<https://www.seattle.gov/finance-and-administrative-services/directors-rules>

1) FAS Encampment Removal Rule (FAS 17-01)

Ref. 3.1 - What are the criteria for determining an area to be an "Emphasis area"? How and by whom the determination is made to declare an area to be an "Emphasis Area" needs to be defined as part of the rule.

Ref. 3.5 - "Personal property" must be better defined. It must include personal letters and papers which, while not of great monetary value, may have great personal value to the person to whom they belong. (We cannot lose sight of the fact that these are human beings whose property is being either discarded or preserved for safe keeping.)

Where possible, the person whose belongings are being "swept" must be present to approve what is to be discarded and/or preserved for future retrieval. To expect a homeless person to move their belongings to an alternative location ahead of time is not always possible or practical especially when no acceptable alternative location has been identified.

As I understand it, the point of the ACLU lawsuit being brought on behalf of homeless persons is that their belongings of value to them were discarded without adequate opportunity for them to approve their disposition.

Ref. 4.4 Again, who determines what is trash to be disposed of? I suggest that the Office of Civil Rights be again employed to observe any such removal in order that the civil rights of the owner not be violated. Where possible the owner should be present to approve such disposal.

Ref. 4.6 - Identify the external website where the public may view the information. For example, I note that the website for commenting on these revised rules was not readily accessible to the public so want to be sure that any information made available to the public be readily accessible without undue effort on the part of a member of the public.

Ref. 5.1.1 - Make the Seattle Encampment Removal Information System (SERIS) database available (read only) to the public so interested parties can be informed of the City's plans and the results of any "sweep" or cleanup.

Ref. 5.1.3 , item (8) - While I'm sure this is not the intent, the implication of this

criterion for removal is that a homeless person is inherently dangerous to children and the elderly. This needs to be clarified.

Ref. 6.1 - Add an additional item (7) stating the reason for the removal of the encampment and opportunity for appeal by the resident.

I detect a bias in these rules that implies the homeless person has no right to appeal. Anyone who is housed and about to be evicted from their home generally has legal recourse to contest such an eviction and a period of weeks generally in which to obtain alternative accommodations.

Ref. 11.3 - Add item (4) particularly in cases where the encampment resident is physically unable to retrieve their belonging, the City shall offer assistance to the person in transporting their belongings to a mutually acceptable location.

NOTE: I see that assistance in retrieving belongings from where they are stored is covered in **Ref. 12.3**.

Ref. 13.0 - "Emphasis Area" is not adequately defined. What are the criteria and by whom is an area defined as such?

2) Multi-Department Administrative Rule

General comment - Homelessness is an undeniable fact in our city. That there is insufficient low income/affordable housing for all who need it is an undeniable fact in our city. That there are not adequate services available to those who need them is an undeniable fact. Until such are no longer a reality, it is, in my opinion, the responsibility of the city to provide viable/acceptable alternatives. These alternatives should include a secure living space including space for secure storage of belongings and, where needed, necessary supportive services such as healthcare and assistance in obtaining necessary services.

Sincerely,
Jean Darsie
9634 28th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117
206-782-0788



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
www.avast.com



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
www.avast.com

From: mr.grahamtastic@gmail.com on behalf of [Graham Golbuff](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: COMMENTS: Unsanctioned Encampment Cleanup Protocols
Date: Thursday, February 02, 2017 1:52:09 PM

Please specify what language(s) notifications would be posted in, and to what reading level. Communication needs to be as universally accessible as possible. Thank you.

--

Graham Golbuff
grahamgolbuff@gmail.com
206.817.7123

From: [Siah Lesher](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Concerned Seattle Citizen for the Homeless Community.
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 11:12:09 AM

Hello,

I am a 22 year old Seattle resident, I have lived here since I was born, and I am now currently a student at the University of Washington. I recently read the No. FAS 17-01 proposal and am gravely concerned about it. I appreciate the work the city has been doing to increase affordable housing and their efforts in following the Housing First model. However, I do not support FAS 17-01 and the changes being made on homeless encampment sweeps.

I believe these sweeps are traumatic experiences for the homeless community members and in no way benefit, or work to solve, our current homeless problem in Seattle. I think there is a reason these encampments are taking place, not because residents don't want other options, but because frankly the options they have otherwise are not always better and there are often not enough other options. So why force these people out when they have limited options of where to go? Yes, I read the section about referrals being made as sweeps occur, but again, these options are actually pretty limited and do not encompass all the needs that are not being met for the homeless community. So why not stop the sweeps and instead put full effort in creating strong housing programs and instead partner with the homeless community on coming up with a group effort on ending homelessness. The sweeps will only create separations between the city and the homeless community. And that relationship is important because homeless people are the ones with the greatest knowledge and understanding of what needs to be done and I think that is forgotten in FAS 17-01.

I do not stand with FAS 17-01. Lets make this a sanctuary city for all!

Thank you,
Siah Lesher

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Dog poop gets picked up by owners--who will pick up each camper poop?
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017 7:13:09 PM

From: [Margaret Cummings](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Draft rules-For public comment: encampment rules.
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:43:16 PM

I am commenting on behalf of the Fauntleroy Watershed Council in West Seattle. We work closely with Seattle Parks and SPU on water quality issues concerning Fauntleroy creek and its watershed. Our primary concern with encampments on public/park property are protecting the Watershed from contamination, along with public safety. The draft rules are thorough and seem appropriate. We support the Multi-Department Administrative Rule that gives the Superintendent of Parks authority to act to enforce the Administrative rules for park property.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, and look forward to the final draft of the Director's rules.

Margaret Cummings
Board member, Fauntleroy Watershed Council
GSP Forest Steward, Fauntleroy Park
.

Sent from Peggy's iPad

From: [L.Ford](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment Cleanup Protocols
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 2:49:04 PM

Hello,

I am writing in response to a request for public comment on the new ruled proposed by the Task Force on Unsanctioned Encampment Cleanup Protocols.

I think the following rules are absolutely necessary and would go a long way in re-building trust in the city among homeless people and other marginalized communities.

- Identify specific criteria for prioritizing the removal of encampments.
- Require the offer of a shelter alternative in order to remove many encampments.
- Require the City to deliver materials it stores from encampments to their owners.

I think all of the rules listed above should go into effect as soon as possible. I have always thought it downright inhumane for the city to demand that homeless people leave an encampment or temporary shelter (under a bridge, etc) without providing an alternative that can accommodate them. Proceeding as such does NOT help anyone, it just pushes them further and further out to areas that are less likely to be hit by a "sweep." (aka The Jungle and other areas near freeways. To "clean up" encampments by throwing away everything a person owns is a devastating loss for the person who is being moved out, at the behest of the comfortably housed. It does not suit the image of Seattle as a "Welcoming City" and destroys trust in the local authorities to have the homeless' best interests at heart.

I strongly encourage the city to immediately adopt all three rules listed above-- the homeless should not be moved without being provided a reasonable housing option (that can accommodate pets/family, or include a space to spend the day, as well as a bed at night), and no "sweeps" should include the theft/destruction of the encampment's residents' property.

Thank you,

-Leah Ford

From: [Mark Lloyd](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Scarola, George](#)
Subject: Encampment Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 10:09:51 PM

Frances,

One minor addition that I think would be useful is that there are camping sites that are not in themselves dangerous but the access to the camps is unsafe or includes walking on a restricted access highway. These may require special consideration.

-Mark

From: [Kelly Morgan](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment rules feedback
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:37:34 PM

Please consider the below input from the Interim Chair of Speak Out Seattle. I am a Ballard resident and feel the suggestions made below would be improvements to the proposed rules and will protect all Seattle residents.

Kelly Morgan

Dear Staff Assistant Samaniego:

I am the Interim Chair of Speak Out Seattle! (SOS!) and submit the following comments and suggestions regarding the City's proposed encampment rules.

General Comments

First of all, SOS! would like to thank the City of Seattle for proposing new rules to address issues surrounding the removals that address both the current lack of available shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, storage of their possessions as well as that of the remainder of the city's stakeholders who also have rights concerning the use of publicly owned property.

As of May 2016, Seattle's official population was reported at 684,451, representing an increase of 15,339 new residents or a 2.3% in population. At around the same time, January 2016, Seattle counted 2,942 unsheltered people living within the city limits, a 4.6% increase over the prior year (while King County generally experienced

an increase of 19.4%). This has all occurred while nationally, according to the HUD reports, the total number of persons experiencing homelessness has been trending down since 2011.

At the beginning of 2016, Seattle had under 250 known unauthorized encampments (per SERIS database). In December 2016 that number was reported to have climbed to over 400 (per Jesse Perrin of Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office). This in spite of the city having conducted 246 encampment removals in 2016 (provided in response to public records request). Many of these removals were at the same sites as no assets were provided, such as personnel or fences, to prevent return by individuals who refused alternative shelter options.

In reviewing declarations and exhibits from the ACLU's lawsuit against the City of Seattle, it is clear that the city is aware that a large number of these unauthorized encampments are riddled with criminal activity, unsanitary/toxic conditions and truly sad suffering in the form of progression of the diseases of addiction and mental health. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions cause unsheltered persons to be victims of their own inability to make reasoned decisions for their own safety and welfare. As well, criminal activity spills out into the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of assaults and property crime.[1] Thus, all city stakeholders have an interest in permanently removing encampments as quickly as possible in a humane manner that addresses the rights and responsibilities of all involved.

The expense to the various city departments in providing police, fire, medic, public utility, social

services and other assets to these unauthorized is likely staggering (no information has been made public and responses to public records requests have been exceedingly slow in coming).

Therefore, it is in the best interests of the city to effect policies that reduce costs and effect the desired result: the elimination of all unsanctioned camping within the city limits.

Specific Comments & Suggestions

We are happy to see that the proposed new rules substantially address many of our concerns.

However, we would like some additional clarity, particularly with certain provisions of the FAS Encampment Rules 17-01:

1. FAS ¶ 3.4 – definition of “Obstruction.” We would like to see language inserted in here that includes more specific protection for landowners and businesses abutting public property where homeless individuals repeatedly camp out and negatively impact the operation, safety and prospects of the business operators’ and landowners’ right to quiet enjoyment.

2. FAS ¶ 4.7 – we propose the following new section: “Once an encampment has been removed, the city must fence off the site and/or provide daily inspections for 30 days minimum to deter return to the site and to reduce the likelihood of campers reestablishing the encampment. After the 30 days have elapsed, the city may remove the fence and reduce site visits to once per week for a period of no less than six (6) months. FAS shall post information relating to its removal and subsequent inspections on a publicly available City website.”

3. FAS ¶ 5.1.3 – we believe a correction should be made under the (8) subsection to this paragraph replacing “homelessness individuals”

to “encampments”. We also believe that this paragraph should include a requirement that unauthorized encampments within one (1) mile of a city-sanctioned encampment should be included as a priority for removal.

4. FAS ¶ 13.6 – we believe this provision that there be no more than ten (10) “Emphasis Areas” should be stricken. The city has a duty to protect the rights and safety of all its stakeholders and this section unreasonably restricts the city from carrying out those duties.

SOS! does not have specific comments or suggestions relating to MDAR 17-01 and believe that our above comments to the FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 are incorporated in this response.

Request for Communications

We sincerely hope that Seattle will listen and incorporate our comments and suggestions into the final rules. Please contact us to discuss our comments further as we believe that the response by the city must be holistic and respond to the needs of all stakeholders.

We understand that the city is being pressured by advocates who appear determined to ignore the inherent dangers to particularly to homeless individuals, but also to the general public to the detriment of all. To that end, SOS! wishes to assist the city in any way possible to defeat these extreme and irresponsible demands.

Again, SOS! would like to receive a response to our comments. Please reply to the email address below.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Elisabeth James, Interim Chair
Housing Solutions Committee, Co-Chair
Speak Out Seattle!
www.speakoutseattle.com
speakoutseattle@gmail.com

[1] Please note that current statistics reported by the police department only reflect calls that result in an incident number. A statistical review of the actual numbers of calls to 911 supports an increased crime. Anecdotally, numerous individuals in neighborhoods surrounding unsanctioned encampments (Ballard, West Seattle, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, West Edge Downtown, etc.) report that when they call 911 they are told no officers are available for hours or at all due to higher priority calls. In addition, attempts to call the non-emergency line to report threatening behavior, attempted assaults and property crime are reported to require wait times of over 45 minutes thus reducing the actual crime statistics.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [unexpectedsparks.](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:38:28 PM

Please, no more sweeps, no more taking people's belongings, no more destroying homes like the Dearborn encampment. Let's find spaces for people to camp without demands like giving up pets, relationships, and substance use. Seattle needs to welcome our neighbors in buildings, tents, or wherever they can find rest. More compassion, more understanding, and less interference.

Thank you,
Cori Sparks
Yesler resident

From: [Carl Deuker](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment rules
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:59:35 PM

Dear Frances Samaniego,

First of all, thank you for reaching out to the community.

Here are my thoughts.

Seattle is now in probably year 15 of a 10 year plan to end homelessness. To continue on the same path, with minor tweaks, is to doom our homeless population (and our fair city) to more of the same.

The concepts of "service resistant" and "offering shelter" need to be changed. Analogies aren't great, but they aren't terrible either. Imagine a group of sharp stockbrokers, all together in a room, fleecing customers through illegal dealing and enriching themselves. Would it make sense to wait for them to become "open" to changing their lives? Why would that ever happen? They are in an environment that reinforces their activity . . . legitimizes it. It will be a rare person who finds truth on his own.

Okay, so now we have a group of addicts, living in tents, using food stamps, hygiene centers, food banks, begging, borrowing from family, stealing, to support their lives. They are in an environment that reinforces their activity . . . legitimizes it. Why would they give up the pleasures of heroin and their encampment lives for painful drug addiction treatment with the hope of a low-paying job at the end? Long-term, you and I would argue, they surely would be better off. They could move from a low-paying job to a higher paying job. But does an addict think long term? NO.

So, just as we do not allow stockbrokers or bankers to continue to break the law until they "see the light," there is no logic in allowing homeless to continue to break our encampment/health/litter/theft laws while we wait for them to "see the light." If there is a shelter bed available, then homeless must either move to the shelter or be arrested. Shelter beds aren't an "offer," they are a requirement.

And think through the whole phrase: "service resistant." Are our addicts living on the street resistant to food stamps, free meals in church basements, free Internet at the library, free bus passes, free medical and dental care, free hygiene centers, free bicycles? No. They are quite willing to accept these services. All these make it easier for them to continue to be addicts. Going to a shelter, conforming to basic civic standards--those make it harder to be an addict and so are the first steps out of addiction.

The city has developed a "homeless industry" and now contracts with many private agencies whose financial well-being is improved by an ever increasing number of homeless. We also have politicians who get votes by being demagogues on the issue. "I care so much. My heart breaks. Vote for me." Of course the agencies and the politicians want to continue with the "compassion" theme. They bask in a feeling of virtue and also end up with taxpayer money in their pockets. But good intentions HAVE NOT resulted in good results. That's a fact confirmed by the growing number of homeless. That old line about insanity being "repeating

the same experiment and expecting different results" applies here.

It's past time to try tough love. Enforce the laws. Shelter beds, when available, are not an option, but a requirement.

Carl Deuker

--

Web site: <http://www.members.authorsguild.net/carldeuker/>

From: [christopher mehl](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment rules: public comment
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 2:53:09 PM

To Whom it may Concern:

There is a good reason that camping in public parks and greenways is illegal: it promotes a lifestyle that is destructive to the individual and expensive for the city.

Camping is so out-of-hand that it has become a "new normal," and we now simply accept that there are outcasts, many with difficult issues of addiction and mental illness, who are forced to live in tents and under bridges. This is simply unacceptable. There should be no camping, period. It is poor public policy to allow it and it damages our authority to ignore it. People struggling with addiction would be much better served by compulsory detox as these people are typically not in a frame of mind to come to it themselves.

As for what kind of shelter we promote, a range of options from straight, barracks-style housing for those with immediate needs to dormitory and RV parks for those with longer-term needs should be advanced. It needs to be recognized that the cost of sheltering people is far less than the cost of the emergency services and lawlessness associated with unsanctioned camping.

We are not obliged to have a perfect housing situation prior to moving out campers. It has been shown that services are routinely refused; this would not be the case if the option of camping was off the table, as it should be. That said, we need to do better to ensure that our shelters are open to couples, families, and pets.

The current situation is an embarrassment.

Thank you,
Chris Mehlin

From: [Bren](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment Rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:38:38 AM

I, Brendan Chiesa, am a citizen of Seattle and I am for more city powers to remove people from camping on public and private (non-owners) land. However, these rules are short sighted and will make things worst for the city. I have volunteered for over 2 years at a soup kitchens and seen the backslide of the Belltown area.

First, identify priority areas will only drive people to non priority areas. Taking safe locations for the public in unsafe areas. The current removal has already led camps that previously had a few tents in large tent cities. You need to remove anyone and everyone as soon as you see them. The simple fact the city fails to stop a single tent from going up allows illegal communities to form. I had to walk in the street under the viaduct because a tent was set up in the bike and walking lane and within a week more and more tents were being set up. No to prioritization and yes to full inforcement everywhere.

Second, the idea that the city must offer shelter is wrong and should not happen. If people ask for shelter put them on the list but it should not be a precondition to remove illegal squatters. It's bad enough the city has a massive shelter system that is removing housing stock and one of the factors driving up home prices and rentals. If the city discouraged tent cities and lifestyle, few people would move to the city to be part of the tent/vehicle lifestyle so it could focus resources on it long-term citizens who are suffering from homelessness.

I am ok with the city storing and delivery but there needs to be a time limit and a midpoint fine to encourage people coming forward sooner to claim belongings. If the holding period is 60 days, that at 30 days there should be a \$1000 (or whatever) for littering, cleanup and storage of good. Unless they are in the tents at the time of camp clear out, it's abandoned property and should be treated as such. Tax payers shouldn't be paying to clear others trash. If you would fine a rich person than you should fine a poor person, otherwise your discriminating and selectively enforcing the law which is unjust. Laws are for everyone I not for a group you don't like or who can afford it.

Fourth, streamline the process to make enforcement a regular duty of officers. The idea of giving a 3 day warning is fine as it's a reasonable accommodation but the idea that enforcement of removal has only 7 days is ridiculous some of these camps are too huge for such a small window and weather could delay action. For these encampments, fence off areas, paper with removal orders with an officer at a single exit/entrance to guard the removal notice and then close the gate on day 3. This way if anyone enters after 3 days charge them with trespassing.

From: [Soeun Lang](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Encampment Rules
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:10:20 AM

Hello,

I believe the encampment rules will be a good starting point as long as you enforce them strictly and offer the homeless shelter and services. We can't allow these camps to happen anymore.

-Soeun

From: [Beier, David](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: encampment sweep rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:31:21 PM

To whom it may concern:

I write to register my considerable objection to the proposed rules. These codify in so many ways “rights” for a subset of the population at the expense of the reasonable expectation of a much larger population for a safe and unpolluted community. The basis for sweeps is severely constrained – what is an “immediate hazard”? Is a person in a tent using drugs, tossing garbage down a hill, and using public spaces as a toilet an “immediate hazard”? What criterion would be used to determine ownership of personal property, especially given that some fraction of these have been stolen? The proposed rules will most certainly entrench the existing cohort of campers that have disdain for the basic principles of citizenship and lawfulness, and will attract many others.

Sorry, the problem for these campers is not “high rents”. It is addiction. You know perfectly well this is enabling.

David Beier MD PhD
Center for Developmental Biology and Regenerative Medicine
Seattle Children’s Research institute

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This e-mail message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information protected by law. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message.

From: [Kay Smith-Blum](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: encampments
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 12:35:16 PM

The solution for the homeless problem in our city is NOT encampments - there is NO funding for regular supervision or monitoring of these sites, trash removal, and other problems (noise, crime, drug traffic) created for every neighborhood where these encampments exist - not to mention how unsightly they are on all major thoroughfares...and detract from our city's beauty and reputation.

The solution is for the city council to impose true development impact fees on all new building that funds housing, schools and community centers and services needed for the homeless and many other in our community - until the council addresses the lack of funding versus the radical development - we will never be able to solve this problem. The current level of impact fees is a joke and you all know it. Look at EVERY other city in the state- and you see realistic fees charged their developers.

Till then - encampments MUST be removed - and the council must develop a budget for not just housing, but services, in conjunction with the county - that precludes the vast amount of folks from having to sleep on the streets.

thanks for your consideration - and please take action.
ksb

Kay Smith-Blum, Consultant
Former CEO
BUTCH BLUM, Inc
1332 Sixth Ave
Seattle WA 98101
206-622-5760
BUTCHBLUM.com

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Excrement and discarded needles are health hazards for every Seattleite!
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:32:44 AM

No urban camping should be allowed excepted in designated, sanctioned areas with sanitation and services to lead to housing.

From: [Laurence Levine](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: FAS 17-01 - moral of Unauthorized Encampments from Property in City Jurisdiction
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:47:04 PM
Attachments: [Comments to FAS 17-01.docx](#)

Ms. Samaniego:

Attached are my comments concerning FAS 17-01: Removal of Unauthorized Encampments from Property in City Jurisdiction.

Laurence Levine
Master of Social Work

(206) 953-0283

From: [Aden Nardone](#)
To: [LEG CouncilMembers](#); [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: FAS 17-01 Encampment Removal Rule
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:11:39 AM

This packet of material repeatedly states City of Seattle Property. There is one reference to WA DOT on the SEPA document. How do you propose to enforce these rules to clean up State of Washington, King County, Railway, or any other property agency that does not belong to the City of Seattle.

What happens next when residents, that have been offered alternative shelter opportunities, still refuse to accept any of the options?

Thank you.

Ms. Aden Nardone
2008 NW 61st Street
Seattle WA 98107
adenhn2015@gmail.com

From: [Dick Lilly](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Johnson, Rob](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [Burgess, Tim](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#); [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#)
Subject: FAS draft encampment rules
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 2:15:47 PM

Ms. Samaniego:

There should be no limit on emphasis areas, currently 10 in section 13.6 of the draft rules. ALL parks must always be emphasis areas (and there are many more than 10) or camps will be rapidly reestablished after removal. That's what we see now and without the threat of daily patrol and removal parks will continue to be a target of opportunity for the homeless, some of whom appear quite resourceful in this regard. The City no doubt will also want to designate other emphasis areas along with parks, so, again, limiting emphasis areas will not result in permanently clear locations, which ALL parks must be, but will result in greater demands on enforcement resources as camps move and resettle previously cleared areas, requiring the lengthy removal process to be undertaken repeatedly for the same public areas. Surely, the City wants to avoid that.

Please act on this recommendation.

Thank you,
Dick Lilly
Wallingford resident
206-708-9159

From: [mark.a.foltz](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: FAS Encampment Rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 7:11:07 PM

I have several concerns with the proposed encampment cleanup rules.

1. The list of criteria for "immediately hazardous" encampments are open for interpretation and allow immediate removal of personal property without notice. For example not all legal crosswalks are marked - check state law.

2. The list of priorities also could be interpreted to sweep people out. Nearly every encampment is "near" a school or elderly residence.

3. There is no suitable shelter for a significant portion of the people removed. The city has scaled back its organized encampment plans, the navigation center is way behind schedule, and pathways home is pure speculation.

4. If past experience is a guide the city won't be able to successfully execute these guidelines anyway.

At the end of the day this is bureaucratic justification for the sweeps the city is already doing. I am glad the ACLU is suing the city since it's obvious the city has no coordinated and humane response to homelessness. Hopefully the courts will intervene and set things on the right course.

Mark A. Foltz, PhD
Wallingford

From: [Alpine Pks](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Feedback on cleanup of homeless encampments
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 10:26:54 PM

Hello,

First of all, thank you for taking the time to read and record my comments. I appreciate the efforts made by the city of Seattle to make our city a better place for all residents! There's A LOT of room for improvement around here.

Secondly, I'd like to say that not enough is being done to clean up the tons of trash, needles and refuse generated by the many illegal homeless encampments in this city. Seattle has become quite the pig sty!! It's disgusting, insanity, inhuman and illegal. I don't work hard and pay high taxes to support a bunch of addicts throwing their trash everywhere and generally not giving a crap. I'm not willing to pay for their free ride because they DON'T want help. They want a handout and some pity. You're enablers! Plus, there's the public safety risk no one talks about. On a daily basis I see LAWSUITS WAITING TO HAPPEN. Not to the wacked out bums spinning all over our streets and harassing pedestrians, it's to the city for not enforcing their own laws and protecting their citizens. You are libel!!

The situation around I-5 between Capitol Hill/Downtown and I-90 is inexcusable and despicable. If you don't stand up for the majority of your citizen's rights and do nothing you will continue to have big issues. Property is too dear here (because of our ever-increasing taxes) to not be taken seriously. Parts of Seattle resemble the zombie apocalypse. What the hell Seattle?!? We're better than this. This isn't the city I've called home for 17 years. You are NASTY! And not in a good way.

I'm for the humane treatment of all citizens but we all have our limits. I can barely afford to pay my own bills, much less supporting a bunch of opportunistic junkie campers from all across the USA. Please enforce the rules that apply to everyone, not just the 'special' homeless folks and addicts... no camping in parks, no sleeping on sidewalks, do something about the dangerous heroin 'spinners' on many central city corners and please pick up all that goddamn trash and hypodermic needles. Do you really want to get sued? I don't think we can afford it.

Where is your responsibility to the people that work hard to call this city home??? Please enforce the rules and hold everyone accountable. 'Freeattle' ain't happening any more under my watch. The voice of reason is overdue here.

Thank you,
Fed Up

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stephanie Cross](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Feedback on clearing homeless encampments
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:14:56 PM

Hi -

I'd like to submit feedback on the clearing of homeless encampments in Seattle. I live in the Central District and often drive on I-90 and down towards Georgetown through the ID. The homeless encampments at the I-90 and Rainier off ramps and underneath are I-90 are getting out of control. There is so much garbage and debris in the road and the campers often burn tires or other toxic materials that create dense smoke as you try to drive in the area. On the way to Costco the Triangle encampment has garbage overflowing even though dumpsters are present and available. Clearly encampments aren't working. There is so much garbage and unsanitary conditions present and people seem to be building more substantial structures vs. temporarily landing there and moving on. This is no way for people to live. Enforce the laws and prohibit ALL illegal camping in the city, especially in greenbelts, parks and other high traffic areas (like the underpass of I-90 and Rainier where the bus stops are. Move all campers to a warehouse or a city owned lot with more semi permanent structures and provide much needed ON SITE counseling, drug rehab services and other social services. Make sure clinics are available and services present. We in the public hear that on average campers are contacted 30+ times and still refuse to move but now the city is being sued by the ACLU. This needs to change. The city is being over run by camps and garbage. No one is winning in this situation and these people are no closer to getting off the streets.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best,
Stephanie Cross

From: [Dustin Howard](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: FEEDBACK: Proposed Encampment Removal Rules
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:08:44 PM

Good Evening,

After reviewing the proposed homeless encampment rules, I am much more pleased than with the previous proposal. A few comments regarding the issue:

- 1) I would like to see more information regarding how the city will clean up areas where encampments have been and where trash has remained (green areas along I-5, Mercer Avenue, South Downtown/Pioneer Square, Beacon Hill, etc.). Trash/Garbage/Waste has been observed in these locations with little evidence of City/State clean up. The proposed rules state that the city "may" remove trash, but this is not sufficient. We want to know that the city WILL remove trash and keep our city clean! How will the City of Seattle assure the public that trash/litter will be collected and disposed of in a timely manner?
- 2) It is not sufficient to simply have the rules present, they must be actively enforced. How will the city aggressively ensure that illegal encampments are addressed and not allow the homeless to blatantly defy camping in non-authorized areas? How will continued violators of camping in illegal/non-authorized areas be addressed?
- 3) I think there needs to be a mechanism for us citizens to report questionable encampments, areas where trash/waste/garbage has accumulated and requesting that it be cleaned up. Reporting this as "illegal dumping" appears to be redirected elsewhere. I live near Seattle Center, and there are often whole bus stops that have been taken over by campers. How can we report this?
- 4) How will the City of Seattle work with Washington Department of Transportation to address issues of WADOT property being misused/littered by homeless encampments within the city of Seattle? There needs to be a clear collaboration to address these cross-jurisdictional areas.

Overall, I feel the rules are fair to the homeless and offer appropriate time frames and documentation of where/how to retrieve their belongings. I am hopeful that the city will stand by these rules and enforce them so that we can get this situation more controlled and not a free-for-all that the rest of us in the city have to unfairly deal with (mainly the trash/garbage/litter...absolutely unacceptable)

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Fix the Shelters--24/7 with partners, pets, and possessions--so urban campers would want to go there. What are we paying all that money to the agencies for when there are empty spaces going unused?
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:35:19 AM

From: [Gary Norton](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: For public comment: encampment rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 9:44:41 AM

Require the offer of a shelter alternative in order to remove many encampments.

Shelter alternative:

The shelter is required to be a 24/7 shelter and of low barrier status.

The shelter is required to accept any person or persons that is referred from the encampment that is being removed regardless of the person's or persons' situation such as children, pets, and habits or addictions like alcohol or drug use.

What about the clean up of the unauthorized encampment?

--

Gary Norton
Volunteer Program Coordinator
Low Income Housing Institute
2407 First Ave.
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 957-8037
garynorton@lihi.org

From: rdbinthe206@yahoo.com
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: For public comment: encampment rules
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:40:11 PM

Dear Frances,

I am as a Seattle resident to express my opinion on camping sweeps in Seattle.

I work in the Eastlake neighborhood, at a local Seattle non-profit organization. In the past 18 months, five separate camps have sprung up near my place of work. The result for the neighborhood has been:

Blight
Trash everywhere
Tents everywhere
Used needles and feces
Vandalism/tagging all over the neighborhood
Assaults
Car break-ins, burglaries, trespassing
Open drug dealing and drug consumption
Dozens of 911 calls every month regarding trespassing, assaults, drug use, and overdoses

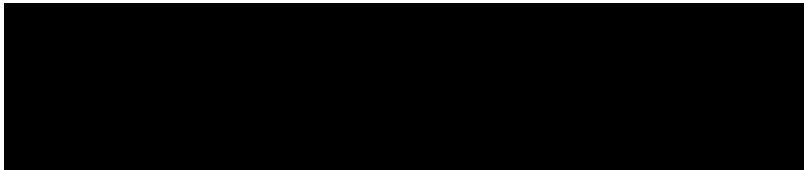
This is all **directly** attributable to the campers that have moved in. I have worked for the same organization for 9 years and this was **never** an issue until the camping. I know that my employer has spent countless hours lobbying the city and SPD for relief.

I urge you to look at photos I have taken in the area to document what is going on. It is quite unbelievable - these photos were all taken in a about a six-block area; the camps that I can look into from my building are even worse: [InThe206](#)

Our city needs to clear these camps with MORE urgency, not less. It is unconscionable to me that our city is actively creating the conditions that markedly decrease livability and safety not only for the rest of us, but especially for the homeless. Allowing them to not even live, but just subsist, in the midst of all of this filth is THE most inhumane, incompassionate thing I can think of.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Ryan Boe
Seattle resident





InThe206

Explore InThe206's 111 photos on Flickr!

From: [Lisa Amundson](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Fwd: Homeless i90 & Ranier
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:29:11 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Amundson <lisaamundson@icloud.com>
Date: February 12, 2017 at 9:24:39 AM PST
To: frances.cammaniego@seattle.gov
Cc: "lisaamundson@yahoo.com" <lisaamundson@yahoo.com>
Subject: Homeless i90 & Ranier

This situation is bad. Homeless filth everywhere, off ramp traffic will eventually kill a camper, begging for money at every fast food parking lot and even stopping traffic, robbery at the nearby shops so I don't even shop locally anymore. The neighborhood no longer belongs to the home owners.

When will we do something about this? We have billionaires living and operating businesses in the area and I wonder if they care? They live on lake Washington in their ivory towerswhat about the rest of this beautiful city? Where is the pride???

Lisa Amundson

From: [Scott Brown](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Scott BrownBusiness](#)
Subject: Fwd: Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Newsletter
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:21:06 AM

Hi Ms. Samaniego, thank you for considering my comments regarding the Homeless Encampment Rules.

I am a father, husband, homeowner, and taxpayer in Ballard. The incredible increase in homeless around our home during the last 3 years or so, especially the last year, has changed our neighborhood and is a big topic in our home and with our neighbors. It has made our neighborhood a less desirable place to live due to safety of the children with dangerous-looking strangers on the street, garbage and bio-pollution in our yards and sidewalks and public spaces, increase in theft of packages and anything visible from the street or alley, and anti-behavior and gatherings and fights. We would like to move, but the cost of housing in other neighborhoods is so high we can't afford to do it. So we are stuck with the people and behaviors we feel have been collected and dumped here, and now an environment that is so large and attractive to them that it attracts more homeless on its own.

It seems to us that homeless take a higher priority for city resources and action than productive, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of our neighborhood, and we resent that greatly. We have a strongly negative view of our city government as a result. What is happening here is a prime example of the wrong-headed government misuse of resources for extreme ideological social intervention and engineering that has caused many people in our country use the term "liberal" as the most extreme pejorative and why they would rather vote for a hateful demagogue like Donald Trump for President than a "liberal" Democrat. Seattle government should be using our resources to improve standard of living for the productive, law-abiding, taxpayers. We need improvement in education so that our elementary school children have a 14:1 teacher student ratio instead of 26:1 which my daughter has had consistently from grades K-2. We need consistent and effective enforcement of property crime in addition to violent crime. We need citizen-focused zoning, parking, and traffic improvements.

My family's home and 9 of our neighbors on the 3200 block of NW Market St are surrounded on 3 sides by LR-1 and LR-2 multifamily that has been heavily developed and has made our block fast/dangerous and crowded. It is an entirely different place than we moved into 11 years ago. We have asked the city for help on this for three years and gotten no help. All we want is consistent multifamily zoning on our block, for our 10 single family homes to be zoned LR-1 like the properties facing us and on both sides, so that we can do the same things with our property as everyone around us on the block and make enough money to move to a single family street with our families. It is a win-win opportunity for the city to generate more housing at no cost to the city, and to free us from the trap we're in. I've written, called, and met with everyone with apparent purview on this topic, including taking our councilman Mike O'Brien on a 1:1 tour of the block so he can see the opportunity/problem himself. Since there are so many cars zooming up and down our street now, I requested a couple speed bumps through the appropriate authority, but got no response to that, either. The city is too busy bringing more homeless into our neighborhood and giving them services and protection here to help us with equitable, fair property rights on our block.

Homeless should not have rights to public or private space, or city resources or energy/priority, as high as productive, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens who have made this

city what it is and who keep it running instead of turning into a cesspool. I am strongly opposed to the rules on your web site that:

- Require the offer of a shelter alternative in order to remove many encampments.
- Require the City to deliver materials it stores from encampments to their owners.

The illegal encampments in our neighborhood should be removed ASAP, and I don't want my tax dollars to be spent storing their possessions for free or creating alternative free living arrangements. We have spoken to some of them, and the majority are drunks or drug users who have chosen a homeless lifestyle. Children of homeless adults need help. But the ones causing the problems here are not children and mothers with an undeserved problem. I am willing to provide appropriate services for the children and their drug-free, law-abiding mothers or parents someplace outside our residential neighborhood, where the infrastructure exists for all their needs. Our residential neighborhood is not an appropriate place for this kind of government activity or experiment.

If you can help us I welcome the opportunity to talk to you.

thank you,
Scott Brown
3218 NW Market St

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Seattle Department of Neighborhoods** <newDON@seattle.gov>

Date: Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 3:46 PM

Subject: Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Newsletter

To: Scott <phrobeja3218b@gmail.com>

View this email [online](#) if it doesn't display correctly

Message from the Director

To say these are interesting times would be too simple. These are new waters to navigate and we are surrounded by much uncertainty. But for every challenge we face, there is also opportunity. And that is what we at the Department of Neighborhoods are focusing on...the opportunities. Opportunities to do things differently. Opportunities to try new things. Opportunities to bring us together.

Our mission is to strengthen Seattle by engaging all communities. We believe that everyone has a voice and it is our job to hear them.

*That mission is more essential than ever. Our work is more crucial. Your voice is more important. **And, we are listening!***

- Kathy Nyland, Director of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods





Be an Equity Champion: Apply for the Community Involvement Commission



Your Voice, Your Choice: Help Decide How to Spend \$2 Million of the City's Budget



Community Liaisons - New Name and Bold Vision for Engaging Underserved Communities



Neighbor Day Is This Saturday: Check out Some Events & Plan Your Random Acts of Kindness

OTHER CITY NEWS

Don't Miss Our Upcoming Neighborhood Matching Fund Workshops *Learn about our new and improved process for applying for funds for your community projects. ([more](#))*

Mayor Murray Transmits Landmark Police Accountability Legislation to

Council Legislation sent to City Council which will create the strongest civilian oversight of the Seattle Police Department (SPD) in the city's history. ([more](#))

Potential Strategies to Keep the Region Moving through Downtown Seattle

Construction Learn about plans to keep commuters moving through Downtown Seattle as growth continues and major transportation projects move forward. ([more](#))

Empowering Men of Color in Seattle Learn about Brothers United in Leadership Development (B.U.I.L.D.), a Citywide Youth & Teen Program dedicated to increasing civic engagement and leadership opportunities for Men of Color. ([more](#))

Participate in the Community Police Academy: Apply by 2/10 Community participants will become familiar with various facets of the SPD and gain insight into law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system. ([more](#))

Civic Boot Camp - Livable Neighborhoods Returns on March 17 & 24 Created in 2015, Livable Neighborhoods Civic Boot Camp addresses Seattle's commitment to sustainable neighborhoods. ([more](#))

ADD YOUR VOICE

The City of Seattle wants your feedback. The projects listed below are currently open for public comment. Let us know your thoughts.

- Homeless Encampment Rules ([Learn More](#))
- Seattle Public Utilities Strategic Business Plan Customer Survey ([Learn More](#))
- One Center City Online Open House ([Learn More](#))
- Seattle Parks 2017 Development Plan and Gap Analysis ([Learn More](#))
- Seattle Housing Levy Draft Administrative and Financial Plan ([Learn More](#))
- Seattle Parks Projects ([Learn More](#))

For a full list of projects open for public comment, visit our [website](#).

SOUTH SEATTLE *(neighborhoods south of I-90)*

Landmarks Preservation Board to Consider Nomination of the Campbell Building in West Seattle Residents are invited to attend public meeting and make comments. ([more](#))

Georgetown Arterial Paving Project Repaving to begin sometime in the spring and take about three to four months to complete. ([more](#))

You're Invited to the South Seattle Home Fair on February 11 Ask questions about your planned remodel and the City's permitting process, code requirements, and rental housing and tenant assistance program. ([more](#))

Expanded Wi-Fi and New Computers at South Seattle Community Centers Increased access points and enhanced capacity for digital literacy programming were implemented as

part of the City's Digital Equity Action Plan. ([more](#))

Jefferson Community Center Closed February 16 ([more](#))

EVENTS

- Neighborhood Matching Fund Workshop in SW Seattle: February 7, 6pm ([more](#))
- Disaster Skills Workshop in Mt. Baker: February 8, 6pm ([more](#))
- Tenant Rights Bootcamp Columbia City: February 8, 6:30pm ([more](#))
- Rainier Beach Action Coalition Meeting: February 9: 6:30pm ([more](#))
- Admiral Urban Village Community Design Workshop: February 11, 9:30am ([more](#))
- South Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) Community Meeting - Homeless Encampment: February 14, 7pm ([more](#))

CENTRAL SEATTLE *(neighborhoods between the Ship Canal & I-90)*

Help Preserve and Shape the Identity of the Central Area *Seattle's Central Area neighborhood has been selected as a CNU Congress Legacy Project Host Community.* ([more](#))

Uptown Alliance KeyArena Survey *The Seattle Uptown Alliance is interested in hearing your thoughts about the redevelopment of KeyArena at Seattle Center.* ([more](#))

Landmarks Preservation Board to Consider Nomination of the Bleitz Funeral Home in Queen Anne for Landmark Status *The public is invited to make comments regarding the nomination.* ([more](#))

Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One Online Open House *This interactive website is open for public feedback through February 14.* ([more](#))

Arterial Paving Projects Scheduled for Central Seattle *Learn about each project's schedule, impact, and how to get in touch with the team.* ([more](#))

EVENTS

- I Love First Hill Celebration: February 7, 6pm ([more](#))
- Smith Cove Park Meeting Public Meeting: February 8, 6:30pm ([more](#))
- Uptown Alliance Special Meeting on Key Arena RFP: February 13, 7pm ([more](#))
- Neighborhood Matching Fund Workshop in Central District: February 15, 6pm ([more](#))
- Madison-Miller Urban Village Community Design Workshop: February 28, 6pm ([more](#))

NORTH SEATTLE *(neighborhoods north of the Ship Canal)*

North Seattle Neighborhood Greenway Survey *Seattle Department of Transportation is*

seeking input on a new east-west neighborhood greenway to be built in 2018. ([more](#))

Literacy Source Is Registering New Students Offering adult basic education, computer literacy, GED and citizenship prep, and ESL classes at their center in Lake City. ([more](#))

25th Avenue NE Paving Project SDOT plans to resurface about 4.4 miles of 25th Ave NE between Montlake Boulevard NE and NE 65th St. ([more](#))

Volunteer with the Hunger Intervention Program (HIP) in Lake City HIP is dedicated to improving food security for underserved populations. ([more](#))

Loyal Heights Pancake Breakfast Come hungry for all-you-can-eat pancakes on March 5. ([more](#))

Golden Gardens Upper Trail Closed Feb. 6-14 for Restoration Work ([more](#))

EVENTS

- Aurora Licton Urban Village (ALUV) Community Council Meeting - Homeless Encampment: February 7, 7pm ([more](#))
- Lake City Community Conversation on Hate Crimes: February 8, 6pm ([more](#))
- Lake City Neighborhood Alliance (LCNA) Meeting: February 9, 6:30pm ([more](#))
- Dive In District 5 Community Celebration: February 10, 6pm ([more](#))
- City University Community Advisory Committee Meeting: February 14, 6:30pm ([more](#))
- Neighborhood Matching Fund Workshop in U District: March 1, 6pm ([more](#))

RESOURCES

[Land Use Bulletin](#)
[Seattle Area Construction Look Ahead](#)
[Seattle Department of Transportation Alerts](#)
[Seattle Customer Service Bureau](#)
[Office of the Mayor](#)
[Seattle City Council](#)
[Seattle Neighborhood Services](#)

TAKE ACTION

[Submit an Event to Our Online Calendar](#)
[Apply for Grants & Funding](#)

FOLLOW US

Facebook: [SeattleNeighborhoods](#)
Twitter: [@SeaNeighborhood](#)
Instagram: [seattle_neighborhoods](#)
Neighborhoods Blog: [Front Porch](#)

Your Voice, Your Choice Image: [Wonderlane](#)



Street: 600 4th Avenue, 4th Floor; Seattle, WA 98104
Mail: PO Box 94649; Seattle, WA 98124-4649
Phone: [206-384-0464](tel:206-384-0464) **Fax:** [206-233-5142](tel:206-233-5142)
Website: seattle.gov/neighborhoods



Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124, United States

You may [unsubscribe](#) or [change your contact details](#) at any time.

From: [Christian Sorensen](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Fwd: SOS! Comments on Seattle's New Proposed Encampment Rules
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 3:23:33 PM

I agree with the comments as a member of SOS. Please incorporate these changes. Thank you.

Christian Sorensen
911 N. 85th St
Seattle, WA 98103
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Speak Out Seattle! Housing Solutions Committee
<speakoutseattle@gmail.com>
Date: February 15, 2017 at 5:00:40 PM PST
To: <ccsorensengofly@gmail.com>
Subject: SOS! Comments on Seattle's New Proposed Encampment Rules
Reply-To: <speakoutseattle@gmail.com>

Homelessness Committee

[View this email in your browser](#)

Bulletin from

SPEAK OUT SEATTLE!

Homelessness Committee

Speak Out Seattle! on Seattle's Newly Proposed Encampments Removal Rules

Speak Out Seattle! Comments on New Encampment Removals

SOS! (www.speakoutseattle.com) has submitted comments on the newly proposed city rules on removing encampments. **Below is our response. If you agree, please send an email to frances.samaniego@seattle.gov. The deadline is 5 pm, however, we encourage you to respond even if you are unable to meet that deadline.**

Dear Staff Assistant Samaniego:

I am the Interim Chair of Speak Out Seattle! (SOS!) and submit the following comments and suggestions regarding the City's proposed encampment rules.

General Comments

First of all, SOS! would like to thank the City of Seattle for proposing new rules to address issues surrounding the removals that address both the current lack of available shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, storage of their possessions as well as that of the remainder of the city's stakeholders who also have rights concerning the use of publicly owned property.

As of May 2016, Seattle's official population was reported at 684,451, representing an increase of 15,339 new residents or a 2.3% in population. At around the same time, January 2016, Seattle counted 2,942 unsheltered people living within the city limits, a 4.6% increase over the prior year (while King County generally experienced an increase of 19.4%). This has all occurred while nationally, according to the HUD reports, the total number of persons experiencing homelessness has been trending down since 2011.

At the beginning of 2016, Seattle had under 250 known unauthorized encampments (per SERIS database). In December 2016 that number was reported to have climbed to over 400 (per Jesse Perrin of Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office). This in spite of the city having conducted 246 encampment removals in 2016 (provided in response to public records request). Many of these removals were at the same sites as no assets were provided, such as personnel or fences, to prevent return by individuals who refused alternative shelter options.

In reviewing declarations and exhibits from the ACLU's lawsuit against the City of Seattle, it is clear that the city is aware that a large number of these unauthorized encampments are riddled with criminal activity, unsanitary/toxic conditions and truly sad suffering in the form of progression of the diseases of addiction and mental health. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions cause unsheltered

persons to be victims of their own inability to make reasoned decisions for their own safety and welfare. As well, criminal activity spills out into the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of assaults and property crime.[1] Thus, all city stakeholders have an interest in permanently removing encampments as quickly as possible in a humane manner that addresses the rights and responsibilities of all involved.

The expense to the various city departments in providing police, fire, medic, public utility, social services and other assets to these unauthorized is likely staggering (no information has been made public and responses to public records requests have been exceedingly slow in coming). Therefore, it is in the best interests of the city to effect policies that reduce costs and effect the desired result: the elimination of all unsanctioned camping within the city limits.

Specific Comments & Suggestions

We are happy to see that the proposed new rules substantially address many of our concerns. However, we would like some additional clarity, particularly with certain provisions of the FAS Encampment Rules 17-01:

1. FAS ¶ 3.4 – definition of “Obstruction.” We would like to see language inserted in here that includes more specific protection for landowners and businesses abutting public property where homeless individuals repeatedly camp out and negatively impact the operation, safety and prospects of the business operators’ and landowners’ right to quiet enjoyment.

2. FAS ¶ 4.7 – we propose the following new section: “Once an encampment has been removed, the city must fence off the site and/or provide daily inspections for 30 days minimum to deter return to the site and to reduce the likelihood of campers reestablishing the encampment. After the 30 days have elapsed, the city may remove the fence and reduce site visits to once per week for a period of no less than six (6) months. FAS shall post information relating to its removal and subsequent inspections on a publicly available City website.”

3. FAS ¶ 5.1.3 – we believe a correction should be made under the (8) subsection to this paragraph replacing “homelessness

individuals” to “encampments”. We also believe that this paragraph should include a requirement that unauthorized encampments within one (1) mile of a city-sanctioned encampment should be included as a priority for removal.

4. FAS ¶ 13.6 – we believe this provision that there be no more than ten (10) “Emphasis Areas” should be stricken. The city has a duty to protect the rights and safety of all its stakeholders and this section unreasonably restricts the city from carrying out those duties.

SOS! does not have specific comments or suggestions relating to MDAR 17-01 and believe that our above comments to the FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 are incorporated in this response.

Request for Communications

We sincerely hope that Seattle will listen and incorporate our comments and suggestions into the final rules. Please contact us to discuss our comments further as we believe that the response by the city must be holistic and respond to the needs of all stakeholders.

We understand that the city is being pressured by advocates who appear determined to ignore the inherent dangers to particularly to homeless individuals, but also to the general public to the detriment of all. To that end, SOS! wishes to assist the city in any way possible to defeat these extreme and irresponsible demands.

Again, SOS! would like to receive a response to our comments. Please reply to the email address below.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Elisabeth James, Interim Chair
Housing Solutions Committee, Co-Chair
Speak Out Seattle!

www.speakoutseattle.com
speakoutseattle@gmail.com

[1] Please note that current statistics reported by the police department only reflect calls that result in an incident number. A

statistical review of the actual numbers of calls to 911 supports an increased crime. Anecdotally, numerous individuals in neighborhoods surrounding unsanctioned encampments (Ballard, West Seattle, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, West Edge Downtown, etc.) report that when they call 911 they are told no officers are available for hours or at all due to higher priority calls. In addition, attempts to call the non-emergency line to report threatening behavior, attempted assaults and property crime are reported to require wait times of over 45 minutes thus reducing the actual crime statistics.

Please Reach Out!

Please ask friends and people you know who care about this issue to join this mailing list. Thank you.

<http://eepurl.com/cxAntX>



Copyright © 2017 Speak Out Seattle, All rights reserved.

You expressed interest in Speak Out Seattle. This is the email list associated with your interest. Please click preferences to add or remove yourself from specific interest groups.

Our mailing address is:

Speak Out Seattle
2442 NW Market St.
Ste 151
Seattle, WA 98101

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

From: [Tanya Casey](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Fwd: Thank you and Follow Up
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:52:54 AM

Hello,

I've tried contacting the city and doing everything I can to stop these encampments from increasing in our neighborhood.

Facts: Magnolia crime rate has increased over 60% YoY.
We have less police enforcement than other parts of Seattle
We have a slower response rate for police than other parts of Seattle
Business owners are leaving the Magnolia/Interbay area because of these problems
More vacant lots because of the above
Needles and squatters found in homes, public spaces, schools
QFC locked down their bathrooms due to drug use

All of the above should be enough reason to prove this is unsafe and hazardous for our community. It's absurd that nothing has been done to change this and policis is getting in the way of our livelihood. See more information below.

Lastly, I'll add that my property value has decreased since living there. Though I spend a premium on my taxes, and am contributing to my community in more ways than one through my property- I seem to have no say in the matter as homeless and thieves and drug abuse happen right outside my door.

Please let me know anything I can do to help. Every less car break in or home invasion or needle found in a school yard will be considered a win.

<http://www.seattle.gov/finance-and-administrative-services/directors-rules>

Tanya

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tanya Casey** <tmariefaddoul@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 2:33 PM
Subject: Fwd: Thank you and Follow Up
To: Nicole Hogan <nicole.bukoskey@gmail.com>

Email city council members in To field asking for help and more enforcement because you love our city!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tanya Casey** <tmariefaddoul@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 21, 2016 at 5:12 PM
Subject: Thank you and Follow Up
To: kim.patterson@seattle.gov, Rob.Johnson@seattle.gov, mike.obrien@seattle.gov, tim.burgess@seattle.gov

Hello,

Thank you for your time today. Since there was only 2 minutes to speak, I thought it appropriate to follow up regarding my passion around this matter.

My neighbors and I are facing a serious and escalating problem in Magnolia, Ballard, Queen Anne and surrounding communities. We've called the police, reported it and tried the Mayor who hasn't responded. Our neighborhood streets are being used and infiltrated with people living in campers with feces, garbage, needles and criminal activity increasing because of it. Just today, there were a handful of reported burglaries, a bank robbery and many other petty thefts. It's effecting Small businesses, residents and children.

We're not unsympathetic to the plight of many, this is an isolated response to these issues, but we are also seeing a spike in burglaries, car prowls and just recently one of these campers burned because it was a traveling meth lab. The current ordinance allows these vehicles on the street for 72 hours before it has to move. We do not believe that the original ordinance was written to allow people to live in those vehicles.

We need a few things to happen.

1. Much like the camps the city has designated, space made available for these folks with proper facilities so they can have a place to park and live. But NOT on the streets of our neighborhoods; those streets and this property paid for with our taxes and not supported by people living in these campers. These should be away from residential communities.
2. An ordinance that forbids living in an RV or camper on a city street.
3. Clean-ups in these unsanctioned tent-cities.
4. Further patrol and certainly better/more enforcement.
5. Safety measures proactively taken in the areas designated.
6. Better response time for suspicious or criminal activity.

All in an effort for clean, safe streets for all. Criminal activity needs to be dealt with- no matter who you are and how you contribute. The more we ignore, the more we build on this state of emergency. The question is how are these campers being purchased? Where is the source of these drugs? etc. The more people move, as the city continues it's abundance of new jobs and evolves, let's not discredit the fact that they will not pay a premium to live in areas in which are not managed justly. Our rights should be equal to those in the tents next door, and our laws just the same. The blind eye being turned is an outrage.

We are getting organized in Magnolia, Queen Anne and Ballard via social media and frankly, we've had enough. We need some action and we're asking your for some guidance and counsel on how we can get some relief. Meanwhile acknowledging that continuing to build on unsanctioned tent environments also may not be safe for the

people in them as well. At this point, it has escalated and become dangerous for all concerned.

Thank you so much for your attention! Please let me know how I can help in any case, and I will be sure to continue attending these meetings in the future. It's important all opinions are considered.

Regards,
Tanya Casey

From: [Phillips, Cynthia](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: FYI from CRM for case: Proposed FAS rules for removing homeless encampments
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 4:24:26 PM

This is an FYI only for a Case from Mayor's Office No response is necessary.

This was sent out from CRM by Cynthia Phillips .

Case No: CAS-09519-S9K7Q2

Case Title: Proposed FAS rules for removing homeless encampments

Constituent Name: Dick Lilly

Constituent Message:

The following was sent to the responsible staff person and council members.

Ms. (Frances) Samaniego:

There should be no limit on emphasis areas, currently 10 in section 13.6 of the draft rules.

ALL parks must always be emphasis areas (and there are many more than 10) or camps will be rapidly reestablished after removal. That's what we see now and without the threat of daily patrol and removal parks will continue to be a target of opportunity for the homeless, some of whom appear quite resourceful in this regard. The City no doubt will also want to designate other emphasis areas along with parks, so, again, limiting emphasis areas will not result in permanently clear locations, which ALL parks must be, but will result in greater demands on enforcement resources as camps move and resettle previously cleared areas, requiring the lengthy removal process to be undertaken repeatedly for the same public areas. Surely, the City wants to avoid that.

Please act on this recommendation.

Thank you,

Dick Lilly

Wallingford resident

206-708-9159

From: [Earl Grout](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless Camps Input
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:14:29 AM

Dear Frances .. thank you for soliciting comments on rules for homeless encampments. I frequently drive to Harbor Island to work with the Mission to Seafarers. Throughout the area along Spokane Street there are mountains of garbage and refuse. Doubtless there is plenty of sewage mixed in with the trash. Clearly the trash piles are a public health hazard and should be removed and not permitted to accumulate in the future.

I would like to suggest the following:

- Camps be allowed only in authorized areas
- Camps be supported with toilets and garbage dumpsters and that these be regularly serviced.
- Trash be cleaned up, perhaps payment camp residents to assist.

Thanks to you and your good work, and thanks for asking for input.

Earl Grout
deaconeg@gmail.com

From: [John Smith](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless camps sweeps needs to continue as is when the city needs/wants to do them
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 4:42:58 PM

The homeless lawsuit is insane. The city needs the legal ability to move the homeless Without any restrictions. We have homeless coming into our neighborhood already and doing plenty of illegal activity. Seattle does not need a law letting the homeless move wherever and whenever they want and have no way of moving them out right away. For the lawsuit to expect the city to "inventory" the crap the homeless collect is insanity. I see their crap on the sidewalks, in parking strips everywhere. It's Garbage that needs to be thrown out.

If the ACLU and **Episcoal Diocese and the Real Change street newspaper** want to house the homeless, please house them in the offices and homes of the staffers at those organizations.

Frankly we have too much homeless because we have too many services to help them. Get rid of the services and they will move to another city.

From: [Brad Yaeger](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless camps
Date: Thursday, February 02, 2017 1:57:48 PM

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017 12:35 PM, Brad Yaeger <bradyaeger@yahoo.com> wrote:

There should be no camping either in groups or individual , tents or rv's at all, anywhere. There is no reason for it and its harms the city. {lease do not listen to the ACLU or advocate groups. This problem must be solved and solved now.

From: [Toby Miller](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: homeless encampment rules
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:26:10 AM

Good morning!

In my travels around Seattle, I have seen many homeless encampments. While I'm all for our city hosting them, I'm sure I have no idea how difficult it must be for their inhabitants to go about their daily living.

One thing that I find truly disturbing is the considerable amount of trash at or near these encampments. It looks bad and probably poses health risks.

I think that our city needs to provide encampments with dumpsters, so the homeless have somewhere to throw their trash; maybe even provide recycling dumpsters! And maybe even disposal options for sharps, since that seems to be an aspect of the homeless crisis as well.

I know that many homeless are also jobless. What about hiring some of them to pick up discarded trash and possessions, and pay them minimum wage?

I realize that these suggestions cost money; probably plenty of it. I don't have an answer for how to come up with the necessary funds, but I do believe that this topic and my proposals are worthy of discussion.

Thanks for your time and for this forum.

Toby Miller
Capitol Hill

From: [Steve & Paula](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: homeless encampments comments on the proposed rules
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 3:30:52 PM

Dear Frances,

The subject of homeless encampments, having been the long-discussed subject of debate, seems to thankfully be moving forward in an organized way and for that I applaud the Mayor and others involved for rewriting the rules.

Of the 4 newly presented rules, it seems a burdensome assignment and task of the City to be required to “deliver materials it stores from encampments to their owners.” How will the city identify and locate the homeless person? Where will the items be stored in the meantime? Perhaps, instead, the items could be stored somewhere where the homeless person could go to retrieve their items and, just like some other businesses (dry cleaners come to mind), if not retrieved by a certain deadline date, they would be donated to charity or tossed out.

I want to be sensitive to the plight of the homeless in Seattle but I find it more and more difficult to feel compassionate. For example, after on-again-off-again squatting on the underside of both north and south ends of the Ballard Bridge, I was horrified recently to see complete filth and chaos at the south end just off Nickerson as it passes underneath the Ballard Bridge uniting with 15th. Unsafe, dangerous, close to the railroad tracks, threatening local residents, health & safety hazards for everyone, being overrun with debris tossed everywhere it wasn't long ago that the place had been spotlessly cleaned.

If authorized encampments are to be set up, how about having these people responsible for themselves? And monitored periodically by the same city personnel who would be involved with the camp set ups and maintenance? Garbage bins placed with a regular pick up schedule? A “city council” of homeless folks at their own campsite? Seems residents, citizens, various regulatory bodies are coming up with plenty of rules. Isn't it time to have the homeless be involved for their own benefit?

Food for thought.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paula Cipolla
2616 2nd Ave North
Seattle, WA 98109
206-282-5063
albright@seanet.com

From: [MauiBoyTrav.](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless encampments
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 6:23:20 AM

Hello,

I am very glad to see we are addressing this problem. Let me start by saying that I was homeless in our city when I was 19. I made a camp out of sight in some woods in magnolia, played guest at the market for food, and finally found a job that overlooked my lack of address.

That being said, I find the piles of trash that have built up among our freeways to be very sad and embarrassing. I appreciate that our city has given them the chance to create temporary encampments. I'm even proud that our police aren't harassing them.

However, this situation isn't working. As much as I appreciate the city being lenient, I feel that if you're going to let them stay, the mess is our responsibility. My first thought was to provide them some compensation, like warm meals or blankets, for cleaning their areas.

Your proposal is bittersweet to me. On one hand, there needs to be an end to the piles of trash surrounding our city. On the other, these are people who need some help.

I've always felt that, at this point, if you've allowed them to be there, then there's a certain amount of responsibility that we have for finding a solution. Because of this, I'm very happy to see that part of the proposal states the need for housing of some sort.

Homelessness should be a public health issue. If ignored, it will only grow. I urge you to follow the lead of other cities dealing with this problem, namely salt Lake city.

Providing work share housing will not solve the problem, but it will cut down the number of people. The ones who really want to make a change can become productive members of our society. The others either have mental health or substance abuse problems. This may not be a final solution with a pretty bow, but it gets the ball rolling.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this issue .

Travis Strah, Seattle resident for 23 years.

From: [Irvine Alpert](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless issues
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 12:04:09 AM

First of all, SOS! would like to thank the City of Seattle for proposing new rules to address issues surrounding the removals that address both the current lack of available shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, storage of their possessions as well as that of the remainder of the city's stakeholders who also have rights concerning the use of publicly owned property.

As of May 2016, Seattle's official population was reported at 684,451, representing an increase of 15,339 new residents or a 2.3% in population. At around the same time, January 2016, Seattle counted 2,942 unsheltered people living within the city limits, a 4.6% increase over the prior year (while King County generally experienced an increase of 19.4%). This has all occurred while nationally, according to the HUD reports, the total number of persons experiencing homelessness has been trending down since 2011.

At the beginning of 2016, Seattle had under 250 known unauthorized encampments (per SERIS database). In December 2016 that number was reported to have climbed to over 400 (per Jesse Perrin of Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office). This in spite of the city having conducted 246 encampment removals in 2016 (provided in response to public records request). Many of these removals were at the same sites as no assets were provided, such as personnel or fences, to prevent return by individuals who refused alternative shelter options.

In reviewing declarations and exhibits from the ACLU's lawsuit against the City of Seattle, it is clear that the city is aware that a large number of these unauthorized encampments are riddled with criminal activity, unsanitary/toxic conditions and truly sad suffering in the form of progression of the diseases of addiction and mental health. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions cause unsheltered persons to be victims of their own inability to make reasoned decisions for their own safety and welfare. As well, criminal activity spills out into the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of assaults and property crime.[1] Thus, all city stakeholders have an interest in permanently removing encampments as quickly as possible in a humane manner that addresses the rights and responsibilities of all involved.

The expense to the various city departments in providing police, fire, medic, public utility, social services and other assets to these unauthorized is likely staggering (no information has been made public and responses to public records requests have been exceedingly slow in coming). Therefore, it is in the best interests of the city to effect policies that reduce costs and effect the desired result: the elimination of all unsanctioned camping within the city limits.

Specific Comments & Suggestions

We are happy to see that the proposed new rules substantially address many of our concerns. However, we would like some additional clarity, particularly with certain provisions of the FAS Encampment Rules 17-01:

1. FAS ¶ 3.4 – definition of “Obstruction.” We would like to see language inserted in here that includes more specific protection for landowners and businesses abutting public property where homeless individuals repeatedly camp out and negatively impact the operation, safety and prospects of the business operators’ and landowners’ right to quiet enjoyment.

2. FAS ¶ 4.7 – we propose the following new section: “Once an encampment has been removed, the city must fence off the site and/or provide daily inspections for 30 days minimum to deter return to the site and to reduce the likelihood of campers reestablishing the encampment. After the 30 days have elapsed, the city may remove the fence and reduce site visits to once per week for a period of no less than six (6) months. FAS shall post information relating to its removal and subsequent inspections on a publicly available City website.”

3. FAS ¶ 5.1.3 – we believe a correction should be made under the (8) subsection to this paragraph replacing “homelessness individuals” to “encampments”. We also believe that this paragraph should include a requirement that unauthorized encampments within one (1) mile of a city-sanctioned encampment should be included as a priority for removal.

4. FAS ¶ 13.6 – we believe this provision that there be no more than ten (10) “Emphasis Areas” should be stricken. The city has a duty to protect the rights and safety of all its stakeholders and this section unreasonably restricts the city from carrying out those duties.

SOS! does not have specific comments or suggestions relating to MDAR 17-01 and believe that our above comments to the FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 are incorporated in this response.

Request for Communications

We sincerely hope that Seattle will listen and incorporate our comments and suggestions into the final rules. Please contact us to discuss our comments further as we believe that the response by the city must be holistic and respond to the needs of all stakeholders.

We understand that the city is being pressured by advocates who appear determined to ignore the inherent dangers to particularly to homeless individuals, but also to the general public to the detriment of all. To that end, SOS! wishes to assist the city in any way possible to defeat these extreme and irresponsible demands.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Irvine Alpert

Belltown resident

[1] Please note that current statistics reported by the police department only reflect calls that result in an incident number. A statistical review of the actual numbers of calls to 911 supports an increased crime. Anecdotally, numerous individuals in neighborhoods surrounding unsanctioned encampments (Ballard, West Seattle, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, West Edge Downtown, etc.) report that when they call 911 they are told no officers are available for hours or at all due to higher priority calls. In addition, attempts to call the non-emergency line to report threatening behavior, attempted assaults and property crime are reported to require wait times of over 45 minutes thus reducing the actual crime statistics.

From: [My fartstink](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless issues
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:27:26 AM

Greetings - I have lived in Seattle for 21 years. I oppose the Mayor's Homeless plan because it does not go far enough to CLEAN UP THE MESS these people leave all over seattle. Immediately evict illegal tent sites along strips of grass/hills. NEVER allow them to sleep in parks, etc. Their garbage is disgusting and they have no respect for the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Hal I. Tozis
Central District

From: [James Ewins](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless policy
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 5:43:26 PM

By making departments responsible for determining where or where not people can camp on city property, the mayor and his staff are dodging responsibility. The departments will in turn shift responsibility to other departments, hoping the problem will go away. Unauthorized occupation of city property is trespass and should not be permitted unless there is a specific policy allowing it. All government buildings should be made available to the homeless until they go away. A new city policy from the mayor is expected which will be vague enough that nothing will happen and no one is responsible.

From: [Chris Middleman](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Homeless Sweeps Feedback
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:59:04 PM

Ms. Samaniego,

I'd like to begin by establishing my belief that homeless people aren't done any favors - and nor are we - by referring to them or identifying them as defined by their not owning or leasing anything. These people, I feel, are instead better defined as economic refugees.

How else can one describe a surging population of economically disenfranchised people in 2017 Seattle - a boomtown as so often referred to in the media, one untouched by the recession? When wages have remained stagnant since the early '70s? When our city's employment opportunities have favored a narrower and narrower sliver of a well-off populace? When cranes erect more and more homes for the monied, in turn pushing neighbors further out of the city's bounds; even further out of any economic opportunity?

These people have been left behind, disregarded and roused endlessly by a city that can not only afford to do better by them yet lacks will to do so.

These economic refugees are already our neighbors, already our community. They deserve housing. Period. They deserve your best.

Thank you for your time.

Chris Middleman

From: [Christopher Mitchell](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: homeless sweeps
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 6:51:38 PM

Frances,

Regarding the sweeps and the pending ACLU lawsuit claiming that sweeps are unconstitutional.

I have worked in SoDo for nearly 23 years and I totally endorse sweeps. I don't see how this could be a constitutional issue, I really don't. Truly homeless people don't live in a pop tent on the corner of 6th and Massachusetts surrounded by mountains of garbage. If the City, County or State come through and pick up a bunch of garbage in the public right of way how is that unconstitutional?

The people living down here on the streets do so because they are drug addicts, mentally ill or both. Sweeping up the garbage and make-shift camps while leaving the people behind just means they start over collecting junk and making another makeshift shelter.

This situation will never be fixed until the people in question are "fixed". They need to be "swept up" into treatment. Leaving them on the street isn't a solution. This would mean changes in the law about involuntary commitment but as I said leaving them on the street isn't working.

If any of the City Council members don't believe this, I would encourage them to come down here and talk to these people.

Thank you,

Chris Mitchell

From: [Seattle Human Rights](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Johnson, Rob](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#); [Burgess, Tim](#)
Subject: Letter from Human Rights Commission RE: encampment rulemaking
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:23:46 PM
Attachments: [SHRC Letter RE MDAR proposed rules.pdf](#)

Hello Ms. Samaniego:

Please find attached to this letter the Human Rights Commission's public comment on the proposed encampment rules. We appreciate your time and consideration of our thoughts.

Sincerely,

The Seattle Human Rights Commission

From: [Madison Walker](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Madison @ SOS!
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:58:14 PM

Dear Staff Assistant Samaniego:

I am the Co-Chair of Speak Out Seattle! (SOS!) and submit the following comments and suggestions regarding the City's proposed encampment rules.

General Comments

First of all, SOS! would like to thank the City of Seattle for proposing new rules to address issues surrounding the removals that address both the current lack of available shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, storage of their possessions as well as that of the remainder of the city's stakeholders who also have rights concerning the use of publicly owned property.

As of May 2016, Seattle's official population was reported at 684,451, representing an increase of 15,339 new residents or a 2.3% in population. At around the same time, January 2016, Seattle counted 2,942 unsheltered people living within the city limits, a 4.6% increase over the prior year (while King County generally experienced an increase of 19.4%). This has all occurred while nationally, according to the HUD reports, the total number of persons experiencing homelessness has been trending down since 2011.

At the beginning of 2016, Seattle had under 250 known unauthorized encampments (per SERIS database). In December 2016 that number was reported to have climbed to over 400 (per Jesse Perrin of Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office). This in spite of the city having conducted 246 encampment removals in 2016 (provided in response to public records request). Many of

these removals were at the same sites as no assets were provided, such as personnel or fences, to prevent return by individuals who refused alternative shelter options.

In reviewing declarations and exhibits from the ACLU's lawsuit against the City of Seattle, it is clear that the city is aware that a large number of these unauthorized encampments are riddled with criminal activity, unsanitary/toxic conditions and truly sad suffering in the form of progression of the diseases of addiction and mental health. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions cause unsheltered persons to be victims of their own inability to make reasoned decisions for their own safety and welfare. As well, criminal activity spills out into the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of assaults and property crime.[1] Thus, all city stakeholders have an interest in permanently removing encampments as quickly as possible in a humane manner that addresses the rights and responsibilities of all involved.

The expense to the various city departments in providing police, fire, medic, public utility, social services and other assets to these unauthorized is likely staggering (no information has been made public and responses to public records requests have been exceedingly slow in coming). Therefore, it is in the best interests of the city to effect policies that reduce costs and effect the desired result: the elimination of all unsanctioned camping within the city limits.

Specific Comments & Suggestions

We are happy to see that the proposed new rules substantially address many of our concerns. However, we would like some additional clarity, particularly with certain provisions of the FAS Encampment Rules 17-01:

1. FAS ¶ 3.4 – definition of “Obstruction.” We would like to see language inserted in here that includes more specific protection for landowners and businesses abutting public property where

homeless individuals repeatedly camp out and negatively impact the operation, safety and prospects of the business operators' and landowners' right to quiet enjoyment.

2. FAS ¶ 4.7 – we propose the following new section: “Once an encampment has been removed, the city must fence off the site and/or provide daily inspections for 30 days minimum to deter return to the site and to reduce the likelihood of campers reestablishing the encampment. After the 30 days have elapsed, the city may remove the fence and reduce site visits to once per week for a period of no less than six (6) months. FAS shall post information relating to its removal and subsequent inspections on a publicly available City website.”

3. FAS ¶ 5.1.3 – we believe a correction should be made under the (8) subsection to this paragraph replacing “homelessness individuals” to “encampments”. We also believe that this paragraph should include a requirement that unauthorized encampments within one (1) mile of a city-sanctioned encampment should be included as a priority for removal.

4. FAS ¶ 13.6 – we believe this provision that there be no more than ten (10) “Emphasis Areas” should be stricken. The city has a duty to protect the rights and safety of all its stakeholders and this section unreasonably restricts the city from carrying out those duties.

SOS! does not have specific comments or suggestions relating to MDAR 17-01 and believe that our above comments to the FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 are incorporated in this response.

Request for Communications

We sincerely hope that Seattle will listen and incorporate our comments and suggestions into the final rules. Please contact us

to discuss our comments further as we believe that the response by the city must be holistic and respond to the needs of all stakeholders.

We understand that the city is being pressured by advocates who appear determined to ignore the inherent dangers to particularly to homeless individuals, but also to the general public to the detriment of all. To that end, SOS! wishes to assist the city in any way possible to defeat these extreme and irresponsible demands.

Again, SOS! would like to receive a response to our comments. Please reply to the email address below.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.
Madison Walker,

Burnt District Salon, founder
Housing Solutions Committee, Co-Chair for Speak Out Seattle!

[1] Please note that current statistics reported by the police department only reflect calls that result in an incident number. A statistical review of the actual numbers of calls to 911 supports an increased crime. Anecdotally, numerous individuals in neighborhoods surrounding unsanctioned encampments (Ballard, West Seattle, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, West Edge Downtown, etc.) report that when they call 911 they are told no officers are available for hours or at all due to higher priority calls. In addition, attempts to call the non-emergency line to report threatening behavior, attempted assaults and property crime are reported to require wait times of over 45 minutes thus reducing the actual crime statistics.

96 Columbia St
Seattle, WA 98104
Madison@BurntDistrict.com
206.678.6876
Schedule Online at... www.BurntDistrict.com

From: peezee1978-seattlegov@yahoo.com
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Notice of Proposed Encampment Removal Rule
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:19:40 PM

Frances Samaniego,

I am reaching out to you to provide feedback on the 2017 proposed homeless encampment removal rule being considered.

I object to the following items in this proposed rule:

7.0 - alternative shelter

The rule is not clear on what the city's responsibility is if alternative shelter is not available. Furthermore, on principal, it is not the city's responsibility to provide housing for everyone. If I understand the current wording of the rule, this requirement for alternative shelter would place the burden of housing any homeless person on the city, which is not acceptable.

12 - In general, I predict that it will be logistically impractical to identify, store, and deliver personal property identified during encampment sweeps while maintaining a chain of custody for the property. There will undoubtedly be disagreements about who the owner of personal property that the city has removed from encampments. The rules do not call out how this will be addressed. The city should not be spending resources on this.

12.3 - No. The city must not be on the hook to try to deliver personal property to a convenient location for the owners. If someone wants to claim property that was removed during a sweep, it should be their responsibility to recover it. The city will already be going above and beyond by not simply disposing of personal property removed from encampments in the first place. What if I dumped a bunch of my personal property in the middle of a city park? Would it be the city's responsibility to deliver this property to my home? Of course it would not be, so why would we apply this (and spend the resources) to do this for homeless people?

12.5 - I object to paying for this service as a property and sales-tax-paying resident of Seattle. This policy could be interpreted as free-moving of personal property for homeless people. This proposed practice of removing personal property, storing, and delivering it could serve as a sort of moving service for homeless people in Seattle. As they are swept from one encampment and set up in another, they will have the city taxpayers paying for the moving of their items.

On the face of it, item 12 seems ridiculously impractical and the city would be wise to steer clear of adopting this part of the rule.

Thank you for processing my comments.

Peter Felts

Ballard Resident.

From: [Jonathan Pearson](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Pleas review - Note that I am in agreement
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:11:42 PM

Pleas review and Note that I am in agreement with the following written below:

As of May 2016, Seattle's official population was reported at 684,451, representing an increase of 15,339 new residents or a 2.3% in population. At around the same time, January 2016, Seattle counted 2,942 unsheltered people living within the city limits, a 4.6% increase over the prior year (while King County generally experienced an increase of 19.4%). This has all occurred while nationally, according to the HUD reports, the total number of persons experiencing homelessness has been trending down since 2011.

At the beginning of 2016, Seattle had under 250 known unauthorized encampments (per SERIS database). In December 2016 that number was reported to have climbed to over 400 (per Jesse Perrin of Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office). This in spite of the city having conducted 246 encampment removals in 2016 (provided in response to public records request). Many of these removals were at the same sites as no assets were provided, such as personnel or fences, to prevent return by individuals who refused alternative shelter options.

In reviewing declarations and exhibits from the ACLU's lawsuit against the City of Seattle, it is clear that the city is aware that a large number of these unauthorized encampments are riddled with criminal activity, unsanitary/toxic conditions and truly sad suffering in the form of progression of the diseases of addiction and mental health. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions cause unsheltered persons to be victims of their own inability to make reasoned decisions for their own safety and welfare. As well, criminal activity spills out into the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of assaults and property crime.[1] Thus, all city stakeholders have an interest in permanently removing encampments as quickly as possible in a humane manner that addresses the rights and responsibilities of all involved.

The expense to the various city departments in providing police, fire, medic, public utility, social services and other assets to these unauthorized is likely staggering (no information has been made public and responses to public records requests have been exceedingly slow in coming). Therefore, it is in the best interests of the city to effect policies that reduce costs and effect the desired result: the elimination of all unsanctioned camping within the city limits.

Specific Comments & Suggestions

We are happy to see that the proposed new rules substantially address many of our concerns. However, we would like some additional clarity, particularly with certain provisions of the FAS Encampment Rules 17-01:

1. FAS ¶ 3.4 – definition of "Obstruction." We would like to see language inserted in here that includes more specific protection for landowners and businesses abutting public property where homeless individuals repeatedly camp out and negatively impact the operation, safety and prospects of the business operators' and landowners' right to quiet enjoyment.

2. FAS ¶ 4.7 – we propose the following new section: "Once an encampment has been removed, the city must fence off the site and/or provide daily inspections for 30 days minimum to deter return to the site and to reduce the likelihood of campers reestablishing the encampment. After the 30 days have elapsed, the city may remove the fence and reduce site visits to once per week for a period of no less than six (6) months. FAS shall post information relating to its removal and subsequent inspections on a publicly available City website."

3. FAS ¶ 5.1.3 – we believe a correction should be made under the (8) subsection to this paragraph replacing "homelessness individuals" to "encampments". We also believe that this paragraph should include a requirement that unauthorized encampments within one (1) mile of a city-sanctioned encampment should be included as a priority for removal.

4. FAS ¶ 13.6 – we believe this provision that there be no more than ten (10) “Emphasis Areas” should be stricken. The city has a duty to protect the rights and safety of all its stakeholders and this section unreasonably restricts the city from carrying out those duties.

SOS! does not have specific comments or suggestions relating to MDAR 17-01 and believe that our above comments to the FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 are incorporated in this response.

Request for Communications

We sincerely hope that Seattle will listen and incorporate our comments and suggestions into the final rules. Please contact us to discuss our comments further as we believe that the response by the city must be holistic and respond to the needs of all stakeholders.

We understand that the city is being pressured by advocates who appear determined to ignore the inherent dangers to particularly to homeless individuals, but also to the general public to the detriment of all. To that end, SOS! wishes to assist the city in any way possible to defeat these extreme and irresponsible demands.

I urge that all relevant Seattle City Authorities take to heart what is written above, and do the upmost to discourage those without homes from setting up camp within our City! The harm that has been done to the peace of our livable city is horrendous.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Pearson

41 year resident, Seattle

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Please act wisely for the future of our Seattle. We cannot quickly solve all problems but we should not act in a way to create additional future problems.
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:33:06 AM

From: [Tsai McKay](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Please move encampments off public property
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 10:19:15 PM

I would like to voice my opposition to all the homeless encampments that are persisting in our city. I am amazed at how bad this has gotten in the last five years. I don't feel like allowing homeless people to stay in the streets is helping them. I frankly feel unsafe. And the city looks like no one is in control. I feel like we are one step away from becoming a dystopian society with an underground civilization of homeless people. I think this very slow process of removing encampments is enabling homeless people to stay on the streets. Seattle can pride themselves on being progressive but this current state is not helping people. Please take swift action to restore some order to our city.

Thank you for taking my comment.

From: jshep53652@aol.com
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Please read our statement! #SOS
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:11:01 PM

Regards john Shepherd Owner Red Mill Burgers

From: scott@nickelsville.org on behalf of [Scott Morrow](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Proposed City Regulations Circumventing Constitutional Rights, including the Right to Assemble
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:59:59 PM

Dear Frances Samaniego:

Many of us, the still homeless men and women now residing in Nickelsvilles' sanctioned encampments, previously lived unsanctioned in places where the new policies you are now considering would be used to sweep homeless people. Our experiences lead us to plead with you to reject these proposals and start anew.

The proposed policies are both inhumane and unconstitutional. They ignore or give short shrift to homeless peoples property rights, rights to free association, right to travel, right to assemble, right to express ourselves, to be private, to be human.

Any rules regarding homeless people on public lands must start with the foundational reality that housing is a human right. When the private sector cannot provide the basic necessity of affordable housing the primary public responsibility becomes providing for this need.

As the representative of the people of Seattle, your obligation when reviewing these procedures is to first ensure that homeless men and women living in public spaces survive their crisis safely. They must be provided with the means and space to shelter themselves with dignity and under healthy conditions.

To give you an idea of how to weigh this need we will tell you some of our experiences in sanctioned encampments. For example, all those able in our community must assist in doing security. From this we have learned that many homeless people either cannot read english, or can't read at all. This becomes a problem for notification.

Survival as a homeless person is often, in itself, a full time job. Walking is usually the only way to get around. Getting schedules around when and where meals or food are, any showers, actual bathrooms, clothes washing, medical and mental health appointments, job search, case management, mail pickup, and most training is only offered on weekdays. Frequently the homeless are berated for not doing enough. Surviving is not enough but it can be everything for some.

What is the cost of a sweep? How does this balance with a honey bucket and dumpster? Would it be possible to put a small shack, table and chairs on site for a couple of days so homeless advocates, services and case managers can meet with people? Maybe a shuttle for a couple of days to advocates, case managers, service centers.

Until shelter is available for all, there will continue to be thousands without an alternative to unsanctioned encampments. It is acknowledged that at least 3,000 people in Seattle sleep outside after all shelter beds are full. In reality it is much more, including those that are barred from shelters now for inappropriate behavior, drugs, drinking and mental health problems.

In addition, many shelters are not suitable for those in need. Couples and families who want to stay together; people with pets who are often the last family they have left. People who can function in encampments but suffer anxiety, PTSD, and fears that lead them vulnerable in shelters that are usually cots or mats next to each other . Members of the LGBTQIA community who do not feel safe or protected in shelters. People who have served their time but as felons are barred from shelters.

People who trying to get work, but unless they have a job and can show that pay stub must show up by a certain time to have a bed for the night. Veterans, families, couples, single people, LGBTQIA members, adults and children, People facing incredible life changing circumstances, whether temporary or permanent. People who are citizens of this city... citizens who deserve the same respect as any human being.

The proposed regulations, sadly, do not make allowances for any of this. At best they are polite ways to force those with the greatest problems into disappearing. Humanity and humans are what is swept aside when we sweep encampments with no meaningful alternative.

.

Please consider including Nickelsville in future discussions as we are working with encampments every day. Contact us through our staff, Scott Morrow at this email address or at 206-450-9136.

Sincerely,

Nicklesville Central Committee

From: [Cindy Chen](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Public comment - encampment rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 9:38:07 PM

Hello, Frances,

The suggestions I have in mind are as follows:

- 1) Immediately after cleanup of encampments, post signs that warn violators and trespassers will be "subject to arrest" if ever they attempt to return
- 2) Have a cop or two to patrol the targeted areas immediately after cleanup, to show the homeless the gravitas of our efforts to keep them out
- 3) Be more aggressive in cleanup efforts

The cleanup crews should not hesitate to use any force possible if threatened by the homeless.

A two-cop team is sufficient to accompany the cleanup crew should anything escalate.

- 4) Incinerate all trash when necessary, particularly in our parks such as GasWorks
It does not matter what should be saved, but it's for the good of the health and safety of the community to keep clean and free of vermin
- 5) Install an electric barbed wire fence around all affected areas to keep the homeless from returning to camp
- 6) Propose an anti-panhandling bill to discourage people from directly giving money to the homeless, but to divert their funds to charities instead
- 7) Replace existing park benches with Camden benches as attached, in order to deter unwanted behaviors such as rough sleeping, urinating, etc:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_bench#/media/File:Freemasons%27_Hall,_London_-_Camden_benches.jpg

- 8) Consider making high-barrier shelters instead of low-barrier, as read in the Abbotsford article:

<http://www.abbotsfordtoday.ca/low-barrier-vs-high-barrier-shelters-why-is-abbotsford-different/>

- 9) Once cleanup is done, divert every cent of your annual \$50 million funds spent in these services towards projects that need more immediate attention such as our Interstate 5 and taking down I-405 tolls.

- 10) Only reserve your shelters for the following emergencies: inclement weather, runaway teens, and battered spouses.

11) Give protection to the Seattle Police Department from any threats placed by the homeless or by anyone who dares challenge our efforts

I cannot say enough of how much safer I will feel once you begin your cleanups and implement these new rules as we speak, and that we can make Seattle a better place to visit and live.

Regards,

Cindy K Chen,
Lifelong resident and community advocate of Seattle

From: [Ian Marlow](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Burgess, Tim](#); [Johnson, Rob](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#)
Subject: Public Comment on 2017 MDAR and FAS Removal Rule
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:59:04 PM
Attachments: [Public Comment on 2017 MDAR and FAS Removal Rule.pdf](#)

Dear Directors and Seattle City Councilmembers:

Attached please find the comments by Columbia Legal Services on the proposed MDAR 17-01 set to replace the 2008 MDARs and the proposed FAS Encampment Rule 17-01. If you have any questions please contact Ann LoGerfo at (206) 287-8615 or via email at Ann.LoGerfo@Columbialegal.org or Yuri Rudensky at (206) 287-9659 or via email at Yuri.Rudensky@columbialegal.org

Sincerely,

Ian Marlow
Legal Assistant
Columbia Legal Services

From: [Ian Marlow](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Burgess, Tim](#); lorana.gonzalez@seattle.gov; [Johnson, Rob](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#)
Subject: Public Comment on 2017 MDAR and FAS Removal Rule
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:53:19 PM
Attachments: [Public Comment on 2017 MDAR and FAS Removal Rule.pdf](#)

Dear Directors and Seattle City Councilmembers:

Attached please find the comments by Columbia Legal Services on the proposed MDAR 17-01 set to replace the 2008 MDARs and the proposed FAS Encampment Rule 17-01. If you have any questions please contact Ann LoGerfo at (206) 287-8615 or via email at Ann.LoGerfo@Columbialegal.org or Yuri Rudensky at (206) 287-9659 or via email at Yuri.Rudensky@columbialegal.org

Sincerely,

Ian Marlow
Legal Assistant
Columbia Legal Services

From: [Kimberlee Sherman](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Encampment Removal Rules
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 8:50:19 PM

Hello,

The encampment removal rules sound fine. However, it isn't clear to me if public sidewalks and lots under the viaduct are included as prohibited encampment areas. It also isn't clear how the encampment removal priorities will be set.

And as for offering shelter alternatives prior to removing encampments, are there enough 'alternatives' to go around so that this aspect of the new rules doesn't create a situation of non-action / non-removal of encampments?

I live at Bell and Western and encampments are a major issue in this neighborhood.

Thank you,

Kimberlee Sherman

From: [jnc.stuff](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Public Comment on rules for encampment cleanup - do not require housing
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:49:55 PM

I'm not great with legalese, and I have many problems with the roadblocks proposed in these rules. But I'll focus on one point. It appears in section 7.1 of the FAS 17-01 document that there is a requirement to offer an alternate location to someone who is illegally squatting/trespassing.

This cannot be a hard and fast requirement. To do so would be like me coming home to find someone I don't know sleeping on my couch, but then saying I'm not allowed to make them leave unless I first offer them another couch to sleep on.

Our city is NOT required to absorb everyone who plants themselves on our sidewalks. Our city will ALWAYS have a finite number of slots available for any service we offer. Sure, it's the compassionate and right thing to do to work towards having more capacity in our services. But to use language that could be interpreted as someone getting a free pass to break our laws because we don't have a slot for them is harmful to them and to the rest of society.

We need to help the addicted and the homeless AND enforce our laws.

Sincerely,

--Jon Jenkins

From: [jackie swarts](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Public Encampment Rules
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:43:25 AM

Hopefully this email has found its way to the appropriate person who can help with our city's problem of tent encampments. They are springing up all over our city. They are not safe for either the residents of those tents nor the neighborhoods that they decide they can camp in.

I live in Belltown, very near the encampment on Western Ave under the viaduct. The sidewalk is blocked with 13 tents and the garbage that accumulates is awful. There are no sanitation services for people to be living on a sidewalk. It isn't healthy for anybody. (Maybe the growing population of rats?)

Please do something with public encampment rules that will make it possible for our police to remove the tents and keep campers from moving back onto our sidewalks.

Jackie Swarts
Belltown Resident

From: [Penny thackeray](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Re my enquiry CSB-17-00019951
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017 8:08:22 AM

Shana Smith was kind enough to respond to my report of a camp directly on the sidewalk between 2 formerly thriving businesses on QA Avenue. The campers become aggressive and have fights using carts as weapons and scream abuse at anyone who dares use the sidewalk . However I could write in daily about the garbage, needles and defecation that we see in our once pristine neighborhood Ms Smith's response was thorough and informative but very very discouraging. I think it shows that our Council are overwhelmed and at a loss as to how to tackle the problem. The less control we have and the more we turn a blind eye, the more the word gets around that Seattle is a good place to be a homeless addict I am not without compassion, I realize mental illness is a huge component, but I would like to suggest that we try not to make it an easy lifestyle and use the law when it applies. And despite the ACLU and Ms Sawant , giving someone 72 hours to "not break the law" is ridiculous, their next move can be planned and the game can be played successfully by them.

Thank you for listening to someone who is not an activist, a generally "live and let live" type of person, but who is thinking of leaving the city because it has become an ugly place to be
Penny Thackeray

From: [Ash](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Re: clearing homeless camps
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:24:43 PM

I am adamantly opposed to the removal of encampments including tents & shelter materials, regardless of where they are located. These people have nowhere else to go. Short of guaranteeing safe, long term housing for them the least we can do is let them have what they need to not freeze to death and be protected from the elements. These are human beings.

The people who want encampments removed don't want to look at or be "bothered" by a problem of economic and class inequality they are a part of creating.

Thank you,
Ashley Clark
98109

From: [Cindy Chen](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Re: Public comment - encampment rules
Date: Friday, February 17, 2017 12:36:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello, Frances,

A few more suggestions I would like to add:

- 1) detain any homeless person whom you suspect to have a criminal background - some of them may be sex offenders who try to live off the grid
- 2) add criminal enforcement against sleeping on streets and camping in parks and other greenbelts.

That's all.

Regards,

Cindy K Chen
Keeping Seattle safe and clean.

On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 7:34 AM, Samaniego, Frances <Frances.Samaniego@seattle.gov> wrote:

Thank you for providing feedback on the City's draft encampment rules. Your comments will be taken into consideration as we finalize the rules.

Please be aware that your comments are now part of the public record and as such, are subject to public disclosure. If requested, the City must release all disclosable records.



| Frances Samaniego | Admin Staff Asst | [206-684-8391](tel:206-684-8391)

Department of Finance and Administrative Services

Facility Operations | 700 5th Ave., Ste. 5200 | PO Box 94689 | Seattle, WA 98124

From: Cindy Chen [mailto:cindykchen@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 9:38 PM

To: Samaniego, Frances <Frances.Samaniego@seattle.gov>

Subject: Public comment - encampment rules

Hello, Frances,

The suggestions I have in mind are as follows:

1) Immediately after cleanup of encampments, post signs that warn violators and trespassers will be "subject to arrest" if ever they attempt to return

2) Have a cop or two to patrol the targeted areas immediately after cleanup, to show the homeless the gravitas of our efforts to keep them out

3) Be more aggressive in cleanup efforts

The cleanup crews should not hesitate to use any force possible if threatened by the homeless.

A two-cop team is sufficient to accompany the cleanup crew should anything escalate.

4) Incinerate all trash when necessary, particularly in our parks such as GasWorks

It does not matter what should be saved, but it's for the good of the health and safety of the community to keep clean and free of vermin

5) Install an electric barbed wire fence around all affected areas to keep the homeless from returning to camp

6) Propose an anti-panhandling bill to discourage people from directly giving money to the homeless, but to divert their funds to charities instead

7) Replace existing park benches with Camden benches as attached, in order to deter

unwanted behaviors such as rough sleeping, urinating, etc:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_bench#/media/File:Freemasons%27_Hall,_London_-_Camden_benches.jpg

8) Consider making high-barrier shelters instead of low-barrier, as read in the Abbotsford article:

<http://www.abbotsfordtoday.ca/low-barrier-vs-high-barrier-shelters-why-is-abbotsford-different/>

9) Once cleanup is done, divert every cent of your annual \$50 million funds spent in these services towards projects that need more immediate attention such as our Interstate 5 and taking down I-405 tolls.

10) Only reserve your shelters for the following emergencies: inclement weather, runaway teens, and battered spouses.

11) Give protection to the Seattle Police Department from any threats placed by the homeless or by anyone who dares challenge our efforts

I cannot say enough of how much safer I will feel once you begin your cleanups and implement these new rules as we speak, and that we can make Seattle a better place to visit and live.

Regards,

Cindy K Chen,

| Lifelong resident and community advocate of Seattle

From: [Shauna Zuger](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Removal of Homeless Encampments -public weigh in
Date: Thursday, February 02, 2017 1:02:28 PM

I am against the City allowing anyone to camp or stay in public areas. The City has done an unacceptable job of enforcing no camping – no littering. No one should be camping or living in public areas, and certainly have no rights about notification to have them removed from those areas. The City needs to enforce regulation that does not allow for camping and living in public areas. Put up the notices now that alert people camping is not allowed. Put up notices about what will happen to their items if they bring them to a public place. In addition, I want to make clear that the City in giving homeless alternatives to living on the street that you are talking about information only. – the City is not PAYING for them to go elsewhere and is NOT PHYSICALLY PROVIDING alternatives for them. Taxpayers are not responsible for providing living arrangements for everybody. The whole situation is out of hand, and everyone is sick of looking at all the garbage strewn about. BE PROACTIVE – NOT REACTIVE.

From: [franck genson](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: removal of tents
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:40:50 PM

To whom it may concern,

Today I was observing the removal of between 6 to 7 tents on corner of Blanchard street and Western Street. The area was cleaned up and by late afternoon a tent appeared and I suspect that in the next couple of days more will appear until the area is full again and the City will once more remove a half dozen tents.

While I understand this is a difficult issue, may I suggest that it would be easier, more efficient perhaps less costly to remove 1 tent instead of waiting for an encampment to get established. It would require less personal, less equipment. Another advantage is that it would send a message that may prevent the situation to resurface on a regular basis. Perhaps the word would circulate that would make the specific area not so open. Lastly it would be a way to present alternative one person at a time.

While I feel for the homeless, I also do not want to face unhealthy and unsafe areas that are popping up all over town at an alarming rate in a city that is so rich.

Best regards

From a very concerned citizen law abiding tax payer.

From: [Linde Knighton](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Revised rules for encampment removal.
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:30:24 PM

These are suggested changes to the revised rules for encampment removal.

Personal property should also be defined as identification papers, such as social security, Government I.D. Cards, food stamp, medicaid and medicare cards, and similar items, food still in its container, such as a can, sealed package, or capped bottle (water, for example) Tents must also be considered personal property, along with blankets or sleeping bags.

Removal of human waste---an exception may be made for human waste contained in capped bottles which are not full, clearly marked, "pee bottles" or "Urine", and composting toilets made to prevent the placing of human bowl movement waste on the ground or street. These must contain waste bags which can be changed as needed, and the waste bags must be marked, "Human waste". These may be placed in specific areas for pickup by the city and removal to a safe facility.

Linde Knighton
2445 NW 57th St #503
Seattle, WA 98107

From: [Alex Doolittle](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Herbold, Lisa](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Johnson, Rob](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [O'Brien, Mike](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Burgess, Tim](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#)
Subject: SCLC Public Comment on Proposed rules FAS 17-01 and MDARs 17-01
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:52:29 PM
Attachments: [SCLCComment-Prop-rule-City-Sea-021517.pdf](#)

Dear People:

In compliance with the February 15, 2017 deadline for public comment, please find attached, the Seattle Community Law Center's Comments on Proposed Rules FAS 17-01 and MDARs 17-01. I look forward to the opportunity to work further on these rules or answer any questions you may have. Thank you for the chance to participate in the public process.

Sincerely,

Alex KF Doolittle
Executive Director
Seattle Community Law Center
1404 E. Yesler Way, Ste 203
Seattle, WA 98122
206-686-7252 x104

-

[Click here to donate now](#)

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Seattleites voted to pay more for our parks--do not allow anyone to allow camping in any areas of any of our parks!!!!!!
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017 7:14:48 PM

Even the wilderness parts-- which are our true treasures in an urban area!!!

Thank you, Barbara Kiley Magnolia

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Some homeless addicts choose the streets/green spaces over help. Asked why they say, "I like living on the streets where I don't have to follow rules". Urban camping helps noone!!!!
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:33:10 AM

From: [Kelly Blake](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: SOS Comments
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:14:41 PM

I completely agree with all statements made by SOS. Thank you for taking the time to respond to our letter.

Kelly Blake
Windermere Ballard
206-660-6138

From: [Nathan Hartman](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: SOS response to encampment removal rules
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:53:29 AM

Dear Staff Assistant Samaniego,

I am a member of Speak Out Seattle. I would like to voice my support for the recommendations put forward to you yesterday by Elizabeth James. I am a stakeholder: My business is directly adjacent to the south end of the Ballard Bridge and we have been directly affected by the out of control encampment that has formed there over the past two years.

Sincerely,

Nathan Hartman

Kerf Design, Inc.
3635-A Thorndyke Avenue W.
Seattle, WA 98119
o. 206.954.8677
c. 206.724.1214
e. nathan@kerfdesign.com
w. kerfdesign.com

From: [J. Steven Scott](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Speak Out Seattle! on Seattle's Newly Proposed Encampments Removal Rules
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:02:39 PM

You are no doubt aware of SOS's comments on the Newly Proposed Encampments Removal Rules.

I whole heartedly support their efforts and strongly encourage the city to implement the recommended changes.

J. Steven Scott
[\(206\) 200-8800](#)

From: [nwmike61](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: SPEAK OUT SEATTLE
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:33:25 PM

I just reviewed the comments made by Speak Out Seattle! in reply to the city's newly proposed encampment rules and I whole-heartedly support them. These comments are posted on Facebook on the Safe Seattle page.

Please include the suggestions in the final rules. It is now time for the city to respond in an effective manner to this growing problem.

In trying to reduce my carbon footprint, I walk or bike most days to work. I pass two unauthorized encampment each day and endure harassment, threats and physical intimidation. The city has a right and duty to protect the safety and livelihoods of all its residents.

Sincerely,

Michael Edinger Ballard

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Loralee Deshazor](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Cc: [Elisabeth James](#)
Subject: Speak Out Seattle"s response to you
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:07:38 PM

I fully support the recommendations and comments contained in Speak Out Seattle's Interim Chair, Elisabeth James' response to the city's proposed plan to finally make headway with regard to our homeless population.

I sincerely hope that the city will work with groups like Speak Out Seattle to make sure the needs of all members of the community are met.

Sincerely,

Loralee DeShazor
7344 Mary Ave NW
Seattle, Wa. 98117

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Spend our money fixing the problems with the shelters please!
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017 7:12:58 PM

From: [Jeff Laufle](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: TCA comments on FAS 17-01 and MDAR 17-01
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:03:39 PM
Attachments: [Thornton Creek Alliance comments FAS and MDAR 17-01 feb2017.pdf](#)

Ms. Samaniego,
The Thornton Creek Alliance, a volunteer nonprofit organization concerned with the health of Thornton Creek, its tributaries and its watershed, submits the attached comments on the FAS 17-01 and MDAR 17-01 draft rules concerning homeless encampments.

In addition, although the associated SEPA DNS and Environmental Checklist does not appear to be open for comment, we're unaware of any comment period that was provided. Since we believe it contains inaccuracies, we include comments on it, and hope you will consider them.

Please contact me at 206-440-1971, or lauflejl@comcast.net, if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jeff Laufle
President, Thornton Creek Alliance

From: [Tony Wise](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: The new Seattle mess
Date: Friday, February 03, 2017 8:00:44 AM

If you woke up this morning and a tent was in your front yard, what would you do?
Put together a 60 day plan to remove it?
The next day you would find 5 tents in your front yard!
This isn't rocket science!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tran, Kelly](#)

To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)

Subject: The problem is why everyday the city see more homeless peoples be kick out on the street is because the cost for living in this state is so much highest... from the rental to the tax all kind but isn't still not enough for it...

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:50:47 PM

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: There should be no urban camping--offer alternatives!!!
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 5:23:04 PM

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Unregistered sex offenders and those with warrants are anonymous in shelters and sanctioned campsites--This should be fixed.
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:58:54 AM

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Unsafe and unhealthy environments put those most vulnerable at risk and leads to increased emergency medical costs.
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:36:02 AM

Before committing limited resources for intensive outreach, personal property safe storage, sanitation, and refuse services, requirements should be consistent with best practices for aiding unsheltered residents. Being compassionate is about creating safe and healthy living places where everyone can succeed.

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Where is the accountability for the funds spent on shelters urban campers avoid?
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:56:00 AM

From: [Barbara Kiley](#)
To: [Samaniego, Frances](#)
Subject: Why is it okay to allow people to live outside in our green spaces, without basic facilities, when we have public buildings not being fully used?
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:33:56 AM
