

November 20, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance defining criminal conduct; repealing Section 3.43.040 of the Bellevue City Code; adopting a new Section 10.06.110 to the Bellevue City Code extending the prohibition against public camping to all City owned property and public easements; and establishing an effective date.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City to extend the prohibition against public camping to all City owned property and public easements.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

The City manages the public realm through its stewardship of City property, easements and rights-of-way, and other public spaces. The City's Comprehensive Plan supports a balance between safety, maintaining a regulatory framework identifying appropriate places for different land uses (e.g. public camping), and creating a welcoming public environment. Policy elements include CE-4, LU-11, N-1, HO-3, and UD-6 through UD-9.

BACKGROUND

On October 23 City Council directed staff to extend the prohibition against overnight camping to all City owned property and public easements. Overnight camping is currently prohibited on park property only, under BCC 3.43.040. This Ordinance provides consistency in enforcement across all City property and public easements.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on December 26, 2017.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance defining criminal conduct; repealing Section 3.43.040 of the Bellevue City Code; adopting a new Section 10.06.110 to the Bellevue City Code extending the prohibition against public camping to all City owned property and public easements; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternate direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6385 defining criminal conduct; repealing Section 3.43.040 of the Bellevue City Code; adopting a new Section 10.06.110 to the Bellevue City Code extending the prohibition against public camping to all City owned property and public easements; and establishing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Proposed Ordinance with strikethrough
Proposed Ordinance No. 6385

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N/A