

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Amend Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Code to direct the Office of Management and Finance in the City's response to houselessness and urban camping related to the development of Safe Rest Villages as alternatives to high-impact encampments (amend Code Subsection 3.15.060.C.6)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

This ordinance will create clearer standards by which Portlanders experiencing houselessness can expect to rest safely without fear of intervention by City entities. Specifically, it explains the criteria by which encampments are deemed high-or-low impact and will clarify which zones are de-prioritized for intervention by the Impact Reduction Program. Additionally, it will ensure that the Impact Reduction Program assists houseless Portlanders in accessing Safe Rest Villages should they voluntarily choose to do so. Lastly, it clarifies that the Impact Reduction Program is the responsibility of the entirety of Council, not simply the Mayor or whichever Commissioner overseeing the land-owning bureau on which a high-impact encampment exists. The ordinance is **not** intended to lead to a substantive increase in campsite removals by the Impact Reduction Program.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

No budget changes or additional costs are expected to result from this Ordinance.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

The ordinance was drafted in very close consultation with the Streets to Stability Task Force, comprised of policy staff from all five Council offices. Feedback from the offices of Commissioner Hardesty, Commissioner Rubio, Commissioner Mapps, and Mayor Wheeler were essential to the conceptualization of the ordinance, and all offices provided multiple rounds of substantial feedback throughout the drafting process. While the ordinance was still in the conceptual phase, the STS Task Force met with members of Stop the Sweeps PDX and campers at Laurelhurst Park to learn about their circumstances, and received valuable perspective about the general manner in which City houselessness policy impacts their lives. Staff from Commissioner Ryan's office have attended multiple neighborhood association meetings to specifically discuss the issues of alternative shelter and urban camping. Commissioner Ryan's office has also engaged with elected officials from Multnomah County, Metro, and the State of Oregon on the general topic. Staff from OMF and the Joint Office of Homeless Services also provided constructive feedback on the ordinance, as did Kaia Sand of Street Roots and the Oregon Law Center.

## **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

**YES:** Please complete the information below.  
 **NO:** Skip this section

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Center</b>	<b>Commitment Item</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>	<b>Funded Program</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Sponsored Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>