

ORDINANCE NO 1327

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON RELATING TO TEMPORARY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS, AMENDING SECTION 16.64.030 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1: Section 16.64.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.64.030 Requirements for Approval. The Community Development Director or designee may issue a temporary and revocable permit for a homeless encampment subject to the following criteria and requirements:

A. Site Criteria:

1. Ownership: The Host Agency shall submit documentation that it owns or has a leasehold interest in the subject property.
2. Size: The property must be sufficient in size to accommodate the residents and, for outside encampments, must have necessary on site facilities including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Food tent and host tent;
 - b. Sanitary toilets in the number required to meet capacity guidelines;
 - c. Hand washing facilities by the toilets and by any food areas; and
 - d. Refuse receptacles.
3. Water Source: The Host Agency shall provide an adequate water source to the homeless encampment as approved by the City.
4. Sensitive Areas: No homeless encampment shall be located within a sensitive or critical area or its buffer as defined under Title 14 of the LMC.
5. Permanent Structures: No new permanent structures shall be constructed for the homeless encampment.
6. Limitation on Residents: No more than 40 residents shall be allowed. The City may further limit the number of residents as site conditions dictate.
7. Parking: Adequate on site parking shall be provided for the homeless encampment. No off site parking will be allowed. Parking space for the number of vehicles used by homeless encampment residents and staff shall be provided. If the homeless encampment is located on a site with another use, it shall be shown that the homeless encampment will not create an undue shortage of on site parking for the other use(s) on the property.
8. Public Transportation: Whenever possible, the homeless encampment should be located within a quarter (1/4) mile of a bus stop with service seven (7) days per week. If not located within a quarter mile of a bus stop, the Host Agency must

request to the City. Upon receiving a request to host the camp inside of existing buildings, the Community Development Director or designee may issue a temporary and revocable permit for an indoor encampment subject to the following criteria and requirements:

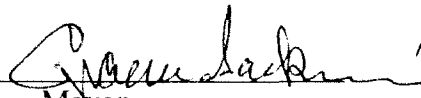
1. Compliance with Building Codes: An indoor encampment shall comply with the requirements of the City's building codes. However, pursuant to RCW 19.27.042, the Building Official shall have the authority to exempt code deficiencies so long as such deficiencies pose no threat to human life, health, or safety.
2. Building Criteria: The buildings proposed for use shall be of sufficient size to accommodate the residents and must have necessary on site facilities including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Adequate water supply;
 - b. Sanitary toilets in the number required to meet capacity guidelines;
 - c. Hand washing facilities by the toilets and food areas;
 - d. Refuse receptacles; and
 - e. Kitchen facilities for food preparation.
 - f. All applicable health standards for providing and using such facilities shall be satisfied as required by the Health Department,

Section 2. The Summary attached hereto is hereby approved for publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY,

WASHINGTON, at a regularly-called meeting thereof, held this 23rd day of April, 2009.

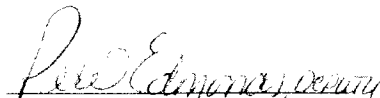
CITY COUNCIL

By: 
Mayor

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

Attest:


City Clerk