



City of Oregon City

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Staff Report

File Number: 19-676

Agenda Date: 12/4/2019

Status: Agenda Ready

To: City Commission

Agenda #: 7b.

From: Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band

File Type: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 19-1020, Amending Title 12 Section 12.16.040, Camping Prohibited Section of the Oregon City Municipal Code

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends approval of the first reading of Ordinance 19-1020, an Ordinance Amending Title 12: Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places; City of Oregon City Municipal Code, Section 12.16.040, Camping Prohibited.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Ordinance is to amend the current Ordinance and redefine Chapter 12.16.040 - Camping Prohibited. Additionally, ORS 203.077 requires all municipalities to develop and implement policies that address unauthorized camping on public property. The City recognizes the social nature of the problem of individuals camping on public property and the need to develop a policy for the removal of camps. The attached policy (Exhibit B) outlines a process to ensure the humane treatment of individuals during removal from camping sites on public property and the proper storage and disposal of property from unauthorized camps. These procedures shall apply to all public property where camping is prohibited. City officials shall incorporate this procedure for departmental guidance in dealing with such circumstances. These procedures, including the summary at the end of Exhibit B, may be updated as needed with contact information, designated representatives, or minor revisions to timing to improve interdepartmental coordination, with approval by the City Manager or his/her design. Pending Ordinance 19-1020's approval, the policy will be updated.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount:

FY(s):

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