



Title 13

SAFE PARKING PROGRAMS

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13.01.010 Purpose

Safe parking, provided through overnight camping and transitional overnight parking accommodations described in this Chapter, is intended to be used by individuals, families, or households who lack permanent or safe shelter.

13.01.020 Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the term “vehicle” includes a motorized car or recreational vehicle. All vehicles must be operable and movable by their own power.

13.01.030 Overnight Camping

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or the Grants Pass Development Code up to three vehicles may be located on a parcel for overnight camping in a parking lot or paved or gravel surface of a parcel of any size owned or leased by a religious institution, nonprofit, business, or public entity, with permission of the property owner and lessee, if applicable. The vehicles may be used by people who lack access to permanent or safe shelter.
- B. A property owner or lessee who allows overnight camping on a property pursuant to this Section shall:
  - 1. Provide persons camping overnight with access to sanitary facilities, including but not limited to toilet, hand washing and trash disposal facilities;
  - 2. Not require payment of any fee, rent or other monetary charge for overnight camping authorized by this Section;
  - 3. Not be located within the Central Business District; and
  - 4. Apply for and receive authorization for operation from the City Manager or designee, and agree to abide by all conditions listed herein, including acceptance of all liability and demonstration of insurance coverage in amounts acceptable to the City. City authorization is not a land use decision.
- C. A property owner who permits overnight camping pursuant to this Section, may revoke that permission at any time and for any reason. Any person who has permission to sleep on that property as provided in this Section shall leave the property immediately after permission has been revoked.
- D. No sooner than 45 days and at least twenty days prior to allowing any person to camp overnight, provide notice of the intention to allow overnight camping to each property owner and occupant of each adjacent property.
- E. The provisions of this Section provide an exception to Title 9.28.020 of the Grants Pass Municipal Code and are not intended to limit or otherwise change



any land uses that may be permitted on property under the Grants Pass Development Code.

13.01.040 Transitional Overnight Parking Accommodations

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or the Grants Pass Development Code and with authorization from the City, up to six vehicles may be located on a parcel in a parking lot or paved or gravel surface of property owned or leased by a religious institution, nonprofit, business, or public entity, with permission of the property owner and lessee, if applicable. The vehicles may be used as temporary transitional overnight parking accommodations for people who lack permanent or safe shelter. An operator may allow more than six vehicles on property owned or leased by the operator, with a plan approved by the City, based on the size of the parcel, supervision plan, and sanitation plan proposed by the public entity. Temporary transitional overnight parking accommodations must be located at least 150 feet from a childcare facility or school, unless the parking accommodations are located on property owned or leased by the child-care facility or school.
  
- B. These temporary transitional overnight parking accommodations are intended to be used by individuals, families, or households on a limited basis for seasonal, emergency, or transitional housing purposes. The transitional overnight parking accommodations may provide parking facilities, walkways and access to water, toilet, shower, laundry, cooking, telephone, or other services either through separate or shared facilities. Any sanitation or other facilities added to the location for temporary transitional overnight parking accommodation must be temporary and removable.
  
- C. Temporary transitional overnight parking accommodations must, at a minimum:
  - 1. Apply for and receive authorization for operation from the City Manager or designee, and agree to abide by all conditions listed herein, including acceptance of all liability and demonstration of insurance coverage in amounts acceptable to the City. City authorization is not a land use decision;
  
  - 2. Provide access to sanitary facilities, including but not limited to toilet, hand washing and trash disposal facilities at all hours people are authorized to be present for overnight parking, including the additional hours campers may stay at the site;
  
  - 3. Provide supervision, case management, or supportive services to campers. Supervision must include at a minimum nightly contact with each camper;
  
  - 4. Develop policies that set out how individuals who may stay at the site will be selected, number of continuous days that someone may stay at the site, hours that overnight campers may stay at the site in addition to 9:00 p.m. to



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- 7:00 a.m., what supervision will be provided, and what structures and other items may be placed on the site;
5. Not require payment of any fee, rent, or other monetary charge for temporary transitional housing accommodation;
  6. Not be located within the Central Business District; and
  7. No sooner than 45 days and at least twenty days prior to allowing any person to stay overnight as part of a temporary transitional overnight parking accommodation, provide notice of the intention to allow temporary transitional overnight parking to each property owner and occupant of each adjacent property. Additionally, every night any person stays overnight, post a notice at a prominent location visible from the public right-of-way on the site. These notices must include the following information:
    - i. The name of the property owner or lessee and person or entity providing site supervision, and a telephone number where the entity or individual providing supervision may be contacted;
    - ii. The number of approved vehicles and/or tents; and
    - iii. The hours that overnight campers may stay at the site.
- D. Property owners who allow temporary transitional overnight parking under this Section may revoke permission for program operation at any time and for any reason. Any person who is on property for temporary transitional overnight parking accommodations under this Section must leave the property immediately after permission has been revoked.
- E. The provisions of this Section for temporary transitional overnight parking provide an exception to Title 9.28.020 of the Grants Pass Municipal Code and are not intended to limit or otherwise change any land uses that may be permitted on property under the Grants Pass Development Code.

13.01.050 Enforcement

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the City Manager or designee may:
  1. Revoke authorization for temporary transitional overnight parking for violations of the requirements of this Chapter;
  2. Prohibit overnight camping or temporary transitional overnight parking on a property if the City finds that any activity related to the overnight camping or



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- temporary transitional overnight parking on that property constitutes a public nuisance or other threat to the public welfare; or
3. Revoke permission for a person to camp overnight, whether in a temporary transitional overnight parking accommodation or not, on City-owned property if the City has a reasonable suspicion that the person has violated any applicable law, ordinance, rule, guideline or agreement, or that the activity constitutes a nuisance or other threat to the public welfare.
- B. No activity associated with overnight camping or temporary transitional overnight parking is allowed to occur that constitutes a nuisance or other threat to the public welfare.
  - C. Violation of the provisions of this Chapter is a Class E infraction each day a violation occurs.
  - D. Nothing in this Section of this Code creates any duty on the part of the City or its agents to ensure the protection of persons or property with regard to permitted overnight camping or temporary transitional overnight parking accommodations.