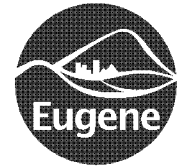


EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Hearing: An Ordinance Continuing to Allow Tent Camping at Vehicle Campsites by Amending Section 5 of Ordinance 20484 to Extend the Sunset Date to December 31, 2014

Meeting Date: November 19, 2012
Department: Planning and Development
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Agenda Item Number: 4
Staff Contact: Michael Wisth
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5540

ISSUE STATEMENT

This public hearing is to consider an amendment to Section 5 of Ordinance 20484. Section 4.816 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (EC) allows people to sleep overnight in a vehicle, camper or trailer in a parking lot of a religious institution, place of worship, business or public entity that owns or leases property on which a parking lot and occupied structure are located, with permission of the property owner.

Ordinance 20484, which amended EC 4.816 to define tents as vehicles for the purpose of legal car camping is set to sunset on December 31, 2012. The council may choose to allow the amendment to sunset or extend the sunset date of Ordinance 20484.

BACKGROUND

EC 4.816 provides for the regulation of overnight sleeping. EC 4.816(1)(a) and (c) contain provisions for overnight sleeping in a vehicle, camper or trailer under certain circumstances and in certain areas.

On December 20, 2011, Ordinance 20484 was adopted granting a temporary exception to the provisions contained in EC 4.816(1)(a) and (c) concerning overnight sleeping, thus allowing overnight sleeping in a tent where overnight sleeping would be allowed in a vehicle. Without council action, Ordinance 20484 would have sunset on April 15, 2012.

On March 12, 2012, the council adopted Ordinance 20490, extending the April 15, 2012, sunset date to December 31, 2012. As amended, without council action, Ordinance 20484 will sunset on December 31, 2012.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Eugene City Code provisions related to overnight camping (Eugene Code Chapter 4).

Council goal for a safe community: A community where all people are safe, valued and welcome, including desired outcomes for decreased property crime, a greater sense of safety, visible and accessible police presence, and better police/community relations.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

No motion is proposed as this item is scheduled for a public hearing only.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

This item is scheduled for a public hearing only. Following the City's receipt of all testimony, the City Manager will make a recommendation to be included in the council packet for action on November 26, 2012.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Amendment to Ordinance 20484

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING TO ALLOW TENT CAMPING AT VEHICLE CAMPSITES BY AMENDING SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE NO. 20484 TO EXTEND THE SUNSET DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2014.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds as follows:

A. Section 4.816 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (EC) provides for the regulation of overnight sleeping. EC 4.816(1)(a) and (c) contain provisions for overnight sleeping in a vehicle, camper or trailer under certain circumstances and in certain areas.

B. On December 20, 2011, Ordinance No. 20484 was adopted granting a temporary exception to the provisions contained in EC 4.816(1)(a) and (c) concerning overnight sleeping, thus allowing overnight sleeping in a tent where overnight sleeping would be allowed in a vehicle. Without Council action, Ordinance No. 20484 would have sunset on April 15, 2012.

C. On March 12, 2012, Council adopted Ordinance No. 20490, extending the April 15, 2012, sunset date to December 31, 2012. As amended, without Council action, Ordinance No. 20484 will sunset on December 31, 2012.

D. The December 31, 2012, sunset date should be further extended to December 31, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The findings set forth above are adopted.

Section 2. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 20484 is amended to extend the December 31, 2012, sunset date to December 31, 2014.

Passed by the City Council this

_____ day of November, 2012.

Approved by the Mayor this

_____ day of November, 2012.

City Recorder

Mayor