

ORDINANCE NO. 20517

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PERMITTED OVERNIGHT SLEEPING; AMENDING SECTION 4.816 OF THE EUGENE CODE, 1971; AND PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE FOR UNCODIFIED PROVISIONS.

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.

B. In order to create additional sleeping options for people who are homeless, Ordinance No. 20484 was adopted temporarily allowing overnight sleeping in a tent where overnight sleeping would be allowed in a vehicle. The sunset date of that provision was extended to December 31, 2014 by Ordinance No. 20501. Ordinance No. 20503 was adopted allowing overnight sleeping in a "Conestoga hut" where overnight sleeping would be allowed in a vehicle. That Ordinance will sunset on October 1, 2013. EC 4.816 should be amended to make those provisions permanent.

C. In addition, a pilot program expanding the permitted overnight sleeping provisions should be established and remain in effect until March 31, 2014, which will allow the City to monitor the program to determine whether it should be made permanent, revised or abandoned.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The findings set forth above are adopted.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of EC 4.816 is amended to provide as follows:

4.816 **Permitted Overnight Sleeping.**

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code:

- (a) Persons may sleep overnight in a vehicle 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. The property owner may not grant permission for more than six vehicles used for sleeping at any one time. For purposes of this subsection (1), the term "vehicle" includes a car, tent, camper, trailer, and Conestoga hut.
- (b) Persons may sleep overnight in the back yard of a single family residence in a residential zoning district, with permission of the owner and tenant of the residence. Not more than one family may sleep in any back yard, and not more than one tent or camping shelter may be used for sleeping in the back yard. As an alternative, but not in addition to sleeping overnight in the back yard, not more than one family may sleep

in a vehicle, camper or trailer parked in the driveway of a single family residence in a residential zoning district, with permission of the owner and tenant of the residence. For purposes of this subsection, "family" means persons related by blood or marriage, or no more than two unrelated adults.

- (c) Persons may sleep overnight in a vehicle, on a paved or graveled surface located on a vacant or unoccupied parcel, with the permission of the property owner, if the owner registers the site with the city or its agent. The city may require the site to be part of a supervised program operated by the city or its agent. The property owner may not grant permission for more than six vehicles used for sleeping at any one time.

Section 3. The following provisions are adopted as a pilot program and shall sunset and be repealed on March 31, 2014, unless extended or made permanent by future Council action:

Permitted Overnight Sleeping Pilot Program.

- (1) Up to 15 persons may sleep overnight in vehicles, as that term is defined in section 4.816(1)(a) of this code on property authorized pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance.
- (2) No site may be used for overnight sleeping pursuant to subsection (1) of this section unless one or more entities enters into the agreement with the City referenced in Section 4 of this ordinance and one or more entities other than the City provides, at no cost to the City, adequate garbage, toilets and supervision. The entity providing supervision shall work with surrounding and nearby neighbors (businesses or residences) to address any concerns.

Section 4. The City Manager shall recommend to the City Council one or more proposed sites for the pilot project authorized by Section 3 of this Ordinance. Any such site may not be located in a residential area or close to a school, and must be owned or leased by the City of Eugene, a religious institution, a non-profit organization, or a business if the business is located on property zoned commercial or industrial. Before a proposed site may be used, the site must be approved by the City Council by motion and an agreement must be executed between the City and the entity referred to in subsection (2) of Section 3 above. Such an agreement may include but is not limited to provisions concerning (a) supervision, (b) selection of the individuals who may camp at the site, (c) number of continuous days that someone may camp at the site, (d) hours that people may stay at the site in addition to 9:00 p.m. to 7 a.m., (e) structures and

other items that may be placed on the site, and (f) closure of the site for non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Section 5. Due to the inclement weather and the need to provide assistance to homeless persons as soon as possible, pursuant to the provisions of Section 32(2) of the Eugene Charter of 2002, with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the City Council, upon adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or passage over the Mayor's veto, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Passed by the City Council this
25th day of September, 2013.

Approved by the Mayor this
25 day of September, 2013.



City Recorder



Mayor