

**ORDINANCE**  
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**Amending Title 11 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation, by adding a new Chapter 237 relating to Temporary Homeless Encampments.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Chapter 237 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 237. - TEMPORARY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS**

**237.10. Definitions.** The following words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meanings set forth below:

*Affected individual* means any individual perceived as experiencing homelessness who is residing in an encampment.

*Encampment* means one (1) or more tents, tent-like structures, or temporary structures that are located outdoors within Minneapolis, which appear to be occupied by individuals perceived as experiencing homelessness for the purpose of residing therein.

*Non-shelter placement* means a temporary, indoor placement, including a hospital, detox, or mental health hold.

*Personal property* means any tangible item that has apparent use in its present condition. Examples include, but are not limited to, identification, personal papers and documents, tents, bicycles, radios and other electronic equipment, eyeglasses, prescription medications, photographs, jewelry, clothing, crutches, and wheelchairs. Personal property does not include any item that is illegal for the owner to possess, or is a danger to health, safety, or other property, or is reasonably expected to become so during its storage, such as illegal drugs and associated paraphernalia, weapons as defined by Section 393.10(f) of this Code, chemicals, or perishable food.

*Removal* means an action or directive by or on behalf of the city that results in an individual perceived as experiencing homelessness temporarily or permanently leaving an encampment or the clearing by or on behalf of the city of personal property at an encampment.

*Robot* means an artificial object or system that senses, processes, and acts, to at least some degree, and is operated either autonomously by computers or by an individual remotely. The term does not include unmanned aerial vehicles.

*Shelter* means a building, or individual units within a building, in Minneapolis used to provide free temporary emergency housing and sanitation to individuals, including Minneapolis residents.

**237.20. Reporting.** (a) No later than one (1) month after the effective date of this section, and quarterly thereafter, city staff shall submit to the city council and the mayor, and publish on the department's website in a format accessible pursuant to the City's language access plan, a report on removals conducted

during the prior reporting period. The report shall include a table in which each row references a unique occurrence of a removal. Each such row shall include the following information set forth in separate columns:

- (1) A unique identification number for each removal.
- (2) The council ward where the removal occurred.
- (3) Whether or not a removal has previously been conducted at that location and within a one (1) mile radius of the location within the last year.
- (4) The duration of an encampment at that location.
- (5) The source of initiation for the removal, including but not limited to requests by a city department, office, organization, or 311 or 911 report.
- (6) The date and time of the start and end of the removal.
- (7) The number of service providers contacted by city department staff and number of service providers servicing residents for the duration that the encampment existed.
- (8) The number of service providers contacted by city department staff and number of service providers present at the time of the encampment clearing.
- (9) The number of departmental personnel present and total hours spent on the removal by personnel, disaggregated by department.
- (10) The maximum and minimum number of affected individuals throughout the duration of the encampment and at the encampment at the start of removal.
- (11) The cost of removals, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with the following information:
  - a. The number of departmental staff present during and before a removal, disaggregated by the department.
  - b. The total time departmental staff was present before and during a removal.
  - c. Any overtime hours used to conduct a removal, including a methodology on how overtime hours were calculated.
  - d. Any additional costs such as the use of any specialized equipment during a removal, including unmanned aerial vehicles, robots, and surveillance cameras.
  - e. Any additional costs associated with site security after a removal including fencing, rip rap, rubble dumping, remediation, and/or other measures.

f. Any cost, and/or associated cost, of any service providers under contract with the city to service an encampment or be present at time of clearing.

(12) Details of belongings that were seized and locations to which they were sent or if they were discarded.

(13) A clear timeline of the encampment removal, including the following:

a. The date and time when affected individuals were made aware of the encampment removal.

b. The date and time when city department staff were made aware of the encampment removal.

c. The date and time when non-profit service providers were notified of the encampment removal. If service providers were notified, include details on which service providers were notified, and which ones were present at the time of the encampment removal.

d. The date and time when contact was made with community organizations regarding the encampment removal.

(14) The number of times the Homeless Response Team has:

a. Visited the encampment prior to closure and the purpose of the visit.

b. Engaged directly with affected individuals prior to the encampment closure.

(15) The number of affected individuals on the date of the removal.

(16) The number of available shelter beds at the time of removal, separated by shelter, and whether an affected individual could book a shelter bed at the time of the closure.

(17) The number of affected individuals who were offered shelter beds on the date of removal.

(18) The number of affected individuals who accepted shelter beds on the date of the removal, separated by shelter.

(19) The number of affected individuals who were offered direct permanent housing placements on the date of the removal.

(20) The number of affected individuals who were offered supportive housing on the date of the removal.

(21) The number of affected individuals who were assessed for housing throughout the duration of the encampment.

(22) The number of affected individuals who are in the process of receiving housing placement throughout the duration of the encampment.

(23) The number of affected individuals who were offered placement in non-shelter placement on the date of the removal.

(24) The number of affected individuals who entered non-shelter placement on the date of the removal.

(25) The number of affected individuals who entered treatment and/or detox throughout the duration of the encampment.

(26) The number of affected individuals who were arrested on the date of the removal.

(27) A detailed account of 311 and 911 calls related to encampments, disaggregated by incident code and problem nature code on unique incidents reported, including but not limited to the following information:

a. The types of incidents reported, including but not limited to gun violence, homicide, assault, nuisance, and other relevant categories.

b. The location of the encampment that is related to each 311 and 911 call.

(28) The status of police investigations related to removals, including the following information:

a. Whether the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) followed up on each reported incident.

b. The current status of each investigation, including any resolutions or ongoing investigations.

(b) The reports required by this section shall include a data dictionary.

(c) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section, no report required by this section shall contain personally identifiable information.

(d) No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state, or local law relating to the data privacy and classification of information, including the provisions of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.