

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**RCA #:** RCA-2026-00389

**TO COMMITTEE(S):**

#	Committee Name	Meeting Date	Submission Deadline
1	Public Health, Safety & Equity	Apr 15, 2026	Apr 2, 2026

**FROM:** City Council

**LEAD STAFF:** Amy Umanzor Diaz

**PRESENTED BY:** Council Member Chowdhury,  
Council Member Chughtai,  
Council Member Chavez

**SUBJECT:**

Encampment reporting policy ordinance

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

#	File Type	Subcategory	Item Description	Public Hearing
1	Ordinance	Code Amendment	Passage of Ordinance amending Title 11 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation, adding a new Chapter 237 establishing provisions of a temporary homeless encampment reporting policy.	Yes

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS**

[2024-00114 - Encampment removal reporting ordinance](#)

[2025-00257 - Encampment closure reports](#)

**WARD / NEIGHBORHOOD /ADDRESS**

#	Ward	Neighborhood	Address
1.	All Wards		

**BACKGROUND ANALYSIS**

The proposed ordinance will create a new chapter to hold the current comprehensive encampment removal reporting framework for all encampment removals within the city, introduced by Council Members Chowdhury, Chavez, and Chughtai, and enacted in 2024.

Key provisions of the current encampment removal reporting ordinance that would be established under the new chapter are:

- Detailed reporting on the cost of and cost associated with encampment removals, inclusive of equipment, city department personnel time, and cost of service providers.
- Detailed reporting requirements for each removal event, including the involvement of city departments, non-government entities, and service providers.
- Data on the number of affected individuals, offers of housing and services, and outcomes related to each removal.

# Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA)

## SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

### DOES THIS IMPACT ONE OF THE CITY'S GOAL AREAS?

#### Policy Goals

- PUBLIC SAFETY
- HOUSING
- PUBLIC SERVICES
- PUBLIC HEALTH

#### Operational Goals

- WORKFORCE
- SPENDING
- DATA

### DESCRIBE THE IMPACT ON SELECTED GOAL AREAS.

#### 1. Public Safety

Impact: The encampment reporting ordinance directly affects public safety by promoting greater transparency and accountability in the management of encampments involving individuals experiencing homelessness. BIPOC communities are disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness and are often more vulnerable to negative interactions with law enforcement. Detailed reports will gather data on patterns of racial disparities in the deployment of public safety resources during encampment removals. This ordinance seeks to mitigate these risks by providing oversight and ensuring that public safety responses are conducted with respect for the rights and dignity of all individuals, particularly those from marginalized communities.

#### 2. Housing

Impact: The data collected will help identify gaps in service delivery and ensure that BIPOC individuals have equitable access to housing opportunities. By documenting the outcomes of housing offers during removals, the ordinance aims to improve the effectiveness of housing interventions and reduce the risk of repeated displacement.

#### 3. Public Services

Impact: The ordinance will impact public services by requiring city departments to coordinate and report on service provision during encampment removals and to help evaluate the impact on unhoused and housed residents. BIPOC communities often face barriers to accessing public

services, and the ordinance seeks to address these disparities by ensuring that services are delivered in a way that meets the unique needs of these populations.

#### 4. Public Health

Impact: BIPOC individuals experiencing homelessness are often at higher risk for poor health outcomes due to systemic inequities in healthcare access and the conditions within encampments. The ordinance requires reporting on various aspects of public health, including the provision of health services and the outcomes related to the displacement of individuals from encampments.

#### **WHO PARTICIPATED IN COMPLETING THIS ANALYSIS?**

Ward 12 Office

### **SECTION 2: DATA**

#### **LIST THE SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED AND THE RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF CONSTITUENTS IN THOSE AREAS:**

Any encampment sites within the City of Minneapolis will be affected. The racial demographics of the areas that are most commonly sites for encampments are in areas with a median income that is half of or less than the area median income, and concentrations of immigrant or BIPOC communities.

#### **WHAT DOES AVAILABLE DATA TELL YOU ABOUT HOW CONSTITUENTS FROM BIPOC COMMUNITIES CURRENTLY RELATE TO THE DESIRED OUTCOME COMPARED TO WHITE CONSTITUENTS?**

Available data showcases that BIPOC individuals, particularly Black and Indigenous people, are disproportionately impacted by homelessness and related public safety, housing, public services, and public health challenges compared to white constituents.

#### **WHAT DATA IS UNAVAILABLE OR MISSING? HOW CAN YOU OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA?**

The City of Minneapolis currently has an Encampment Removal Reporting Ordinance that has provided valuable data; however, the ordinance has been in effect for less than 2 years, which has limited the ability to review patterns, trends, and results. It is necessary to have ongoing reporting on encampment removals to obtain relevant data, improve operations, and inform future policy implementation.

### **SECTION 3: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

USING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IAP2) [PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SPECTRUM](#), WHICH PARTICIPATION STRATEGY(S) WAS USED WHEN ENGAGING THOSE WHO WOULD BE MOST IMPACTED?

- INFORM

#### **DESCRIBE THE ENGAGEMENT AND WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?**

The current Encampment Removal Reporting Ordinance was developed with homeless advocacy groups, city staff, and community stakeholders. This ordinance seeks to maintain the current reporting framework and create a new chapter within the code that is better suited to the goal of addressing encampments.

#### **SECTION 4: ANALYSIS**

##### **HOW DOES THE OUTCOME FOR THIS ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT, OR POLICY HELP THE CITY ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY?**

By mandating detailed reporting on the actions taken during encampment removals, the ordinance ensures that the city and the public can monitor the process and outcomes, fostering a more equitable approach to addressing homelessness.

#### **SECTION 5: EVALUATION**

##### **HOW WILL IMPACTS BE MEASURED? WHAT ARE THE SUCCESS INDICATORS AND PROCESS BENCHMARKS?**

This policy aims to increase public trust and transparency in how the city manages encampment removals, with a focus on equitable treatment of all individuals experiencing homelessness.

##### **HOW WILL THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED BE INFORMED OF PROGRESS OVER TIME?**

Reports will be presented quarterly and publicly to ensure transparency and to track progress over time.