



City Attorney's Office

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 ENCAMPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION UPON ADOPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland has experienced a 47 percent increase in its homeless population between 2017 and 2019, the majority of whom live in tents, make-shift structures, vehicles, and places not meant for human habitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of tent and vehicle encampments tracked in Oakland currently exceeds 140; and

**WHEREAS**, the adverse impacts of tent and vehicle encampments in Oakland continue to increase significantly, including a rise in service calls for fire, assault, robbery, drug trafficking, right-of-way obstructions, storage of combustible materials, and illegal electrical wiring, all of which jeopardizes housed and unhoused residents safety and health; and

**WHEREAS**, similar increases have been reported throughout the State of California, prompting the creation of statewide homelessness task force by Governor Gavin Newsom; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland voters passed the 2020 Oakland Parks and Recreation Preservation, Litter Reduction, and Homelessness Support Act (Measure Q) in March 2020 to support the maintenance of parks, water quality, and homelessness services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the need for varied interventions to address the need of unsheltered residents or those at risk of homelessness, including but not limited to shelter services, emergency beds, safe parking sites, hygiene services, prevention services, and employment services;

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the City Council, the City Administrator undertook the development of a new encampment management policy in coordination with multiple City departments; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft policy was presented to the Life Enrichment Committee on September 21, 2020, and feedback from the committee members and the public was received and considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has set forth in its entirety the policy that was developed in coordination with multiple City departments as the “2020 Encampment Management Policy” in Exhibit A to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that staff will implement the 2020 Encampment Management Policy as written, and shall not deviate from the principles set forth therein without returning to Council; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council adopts the proposed 2020 Encampment Management Policy (EMP), set forth in its entirety in Exhibit A to this resolution (document #2987429v1), which outlines a comprehensive process to mitigate the adverse impacts of tent and vehicle encampments on housed and unhoused residents, focusing encampment interventions on the mitigation of negative outcomes related to public safety and public health hazards; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or their designee shall provide semi-annual updates to the City Council by issuing informational memoranda that reports EMP outcomes and analyses; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to negotiate, submit and execute all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, grant agreements, amendments, payment requests, reports, and to take all related actions necessary to carry out the implementation of the EMP; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That any corresponding agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality prior to execution and executed copies placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California