




**Encampment Removal
Administrative Policy**

City of Tacoma, Neighborhood and Community Services
Community Vitality and Safety Committee
April 28, 2022

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OVERVIEW

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- Authorization Process
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BACKGROUND



- Enacted in 2017
- Modeled after City of Seattle
- Provides administrative authority to remove encampments when certain conditions are met

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AUTHORIZATION PROCESS



- Authorization based on:
 - Emergent public health and safety impacts
 - Size of encampment or type of activity
 - Obstruction of public right of ways
 - Unmanageable environmental impacts
 - Planned public work needs

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NOTICE



7 Day Removal Notice

The City of Tacoma, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services is posting property entered at 26th and East C St, underneath E. 26th Street and underneath I-705 for encampment removal due to illegal activity and unauthorized occupancy. This area will be closely monitored for future usage.

Individuals not complying with use restrictions in this area will be removed and will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

TMC 8.12.025 Criminal Trespass

Date posted/time: March 22nd, 2022;

Date/time encampment removal: March 29th, 2022;

- Garbage, debris, waste, litter, abandoned, and wet property will be disposed of immediately.
- Personal property remaining may be stored at 1423 Puyallup Avenue, Tacoma, WA.
- If personal property is stored, call 3-1-1 to arrange for retrieval.
- Failure to claim property within 60 days may result in its destruction.
- For outreach and community resources, including shelter alternatives, call 2-1-1.
- Entering or remaining in this area is a violation and may subject violators to arrest

Approximate posting location



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ENCAMPMENT REMOVALS



- City has performed six removals from public property since January 2022 (City and State property)
- Performed nine private property encampment abatements since Council authorization in December 2021

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