

Rogers Park Community Council

(including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

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Date: November 12, 2018

To: Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
Anchorage Assembly
Federation of Community Councils

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF COMPREHENSIVE YEAR ROUND CONTRACT FOR ABATEMENT OF PROHIBITED ENCAMPMENTS

WHEREAS, Rogers Park Community Council is concerned about the rising tide of prohibited encampments within the Municipality, the increase in crime, the safety of residents and the security of their property, along with health and safety risks more closely related to the illegal campers themselves (including but not limited to non-treated human waste, garbage, junk, cutting of live trees, and risk of fire),

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage cannot eliminate the illegal camps without a comprehensive year-round system to prevent, remove and clean illegal camps, mitigate risks, and provide shelter so no citizen is forced to camp illegally because they lack an alternative,

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has a successful history of contracting for effective operation of similar and related service systems,

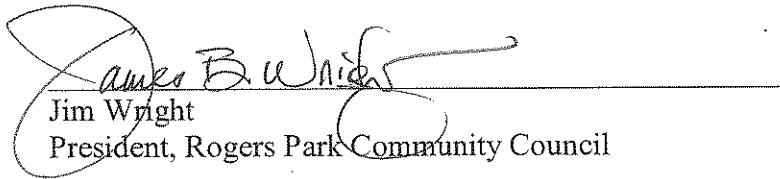
WE THEREFORE RESOLVE that the Municipality of Anchorage should implement comprehensive year-round private contract to:

1. Regularly monitor/patrol public spaces for illegal camps (with a specified schedule);
2. Respond rapidly to public reports of camps (within a specified time) to assess public health/safety risks and implement mitigation measures as needed pending camp removal;
3. Post camps within a specified time following identification/report (48 hours);
4. Abate camps within 72 hours of posting (or sooner if risk requires and law allows), including storage of camper's private property if necessary;

5. Clean-up of the camp site within specified time (48-72 hrs.) following abatement;
6. Determine if campers want alternative housing (shelter, etc.) and, if so, connecting them directly with housing (a warm hand-off) at time of notice/abatement;
7. Monitor the availability of existing shelter capacity and provide sufficient additional shelter capacity as necessary so no camper who wants shelter must go without it;
8. Refer/connect sheltered campers with additional services/supports to assist in long term resolution of homelessness;
9. Provide feedback to reporters re: actions taken in response to reports;
10. Collect and report data on the demographics, characteristics, needs of campers, nature of camps, contract performance measures, etc.

This resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the Council on November 12, 2018, by a vote of 17 in favor, 4 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Respectfully,



Jim Wright
President, Rogers Park Community Council