



Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Council Study Session
April 6, 2021



OVERVIEW



- Update
 - Hygiene Station Pilot Program
- Recommendation
 - Placement of additional temporary hygiene stations

Purpose of Today's Presentation

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Supporting Community Health and Safety



- The best option for unsheltered individuals is to provide shelter and opportunities to transition to stable housing.
- During COVID, if shelter cannot be provided, the CDC recommends:
 - Allowing existing encampments to remain in place
 - Partnering with the community to provide access to nearby restroom facilities
 - Providing hygiene stations if no other options can be made available

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Essential Services Support a Safe and Healthy Community

Supporting Community Health and Safety



- On February 9, 2021 Staff presented five possible locations for temporary hygiene stations
- Using Council input, returned February 23, 2021
 - 8th and Yakima was implemented March 5, 2021
 - Review potential for mitigation/stabilization site

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Essential Services Support a Safe and Healthy Community

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The seal of the City of Tacoma is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a snow-capped mountain (Mount Rainier) rising behind a body of water. A sun with rays is positioned to the left of the mountain. In the foreground, there are several boats on the water and a small building on the shore. The entire scene is enclosed within a circular border with the text "SEAL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA" written around it.

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●●● Possible Pilot Expansion



- Continue temporary location at 8th and Yakima for 90 days

Establish temporary locations, for 90 days, at:

- 6th/7th and 'L'/'M' (Evergreen Campus)
 - Approximately 34 tents (tents have increased in the past month)
 - Included in recommendation presented 2/9/21
- I-705 and 'A' Street
 - Approximately 52 tents
 - WSDOT property

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Recommendation represents best possible sites responsive to community need

●●● Next Steps



- Clarify Council support for recommendation
- Service planning/contracting
- Community engagement
- Encampment outreach

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