

Agenda Item 27, Homeless Camps

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Recapping Last Week

- Homeless camps are often distressing, unsightly
- City is criminalizing homeless camps in public spaces

New Development

- City is amending the draft ordinance:
- Require posting a notice before removing tents
- Require temporarily storing removed property
- Kudos to Councilor Rich Merkouris for improvements

Recommendations

- Further amend ordinance or policy to also store tents that are removed
- Housing the homeless is kinder, more effective, and cheaper than criminalizing them