

2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Proviso on unauthorized encampment removals

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Herbold, Lisa

Councilmembers: Harris-Talley; O'Brien

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	KH	LG	BH	LH	RJ	DJ	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2018 Adopted Budget to Budget Control Levels with purposes that would authorize expenditures on involuntary removal of persons or their personal property engaged in unauthorized entry or unauthorized camping on City- or State-owned or controlled property; none of the appropriated money for a particular removal may be spent on the involuntary removal of persons engaged in unauthorized camping or their personal belongings, or on providing administrative, security, or contracting support for removing the persons or their property; unless that removal conforms with Multi-Departmental Administrative Rules (MDAR) 17-01 and Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) Encampment Rule 17-01. The prioritization criteria for encampment removal in FAS Encampment Rule 17-01 include the following:

- (1) Objective hazards such as moving vehicles;
- (2) Criminal activity beyond illegal substance abuse;
- (3) Quantities of garbage, debris, or waste;
- (4) Other active health hazards to occupants or the surrounding neighborhood;
- (5) Difficulty in extending emergency services to the site;
- (6) Imminent work scheduled at the site for which the encampment will pose an obstruction;
- (7) Damage to the natural environment of environmentally critical areas; and
- (8) The proximity of homeless individuals to uses of special concern including schools or facilities for the elderly.

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The Council intends that the Executive shall provide the Chair of the Human Services and Public Health Committee and Council Central Staff Director a weekly report that includes an electronic database containing the following information for all unauthorized encampments to be removed the following week:

- (1) The address or other means of identifying the site;
- (2) Identification of the prioritization criteria that resulted in the site being prioritized for removal, as established in FAS Encampment Rule 17-01, including for each site an explanation for prioritization and the identification of all Departments that provided input into the prioritization process; and
- (3) An explanation of what made the site rise to the top of the removal list.

Furthermore, the Council intends that the Executive shall review MDAR 17-01 and FAS 17-01 protocols to improve the unauthorized encampment removal process and reduce harm to unsheltered individuals and provide a report by April 6, 2018, to the Chair of the Human Services and Public Health Committee and Council Central Staff Director. Recommendations for changes to the existing policies, proposing new policies, or legislation should also consider input from the Advisory Committee on Implementation of Rules of Removing Unsanctioned Homeless Encampments and the Office of Civil Rights' encampment monitoring reports.”