

EXHIBIT E

1. The fee reduction to include 3 stays over a 5 year period is better than the existing fee of \$2652 however this is still a high cost to the hosting faith community. The higher fees in Redmond create barriers for us to find host communities.

2. 110 days is a shorter timeframe than the King County timeframe. Moving is very stressful for people experiencing homelessness. A longer more consistent time frame provides us with more time to live, and to find our next host site.

3. Only allowing a host community to host once in a 365 day timeframe creates a barrier to having a safe place to stay. This decision to host sooner than 365 days should be a decision of the host faith community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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David Lee

From: kmub@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 9:42 AM
To: David Lee
Cc: Alexander Bryant; Glen Uhlenkott
Subject: Homeless Encampment Temporary Use Permits

Hello!

I am a member of St. Jude's Catholic Parish as well as a resident of the City of Redmond. I am writing in regard to the changes being considered to Homeless Encampment Temporary Use Permits.

I strongly feel that the commission should approve lowering the permit fee to a level similar to those charged by other eastside cities and allow 5 stays over the course of 5 years, once a permit is issued to a host facility. I'd also like to see the effective date of the homeless permit changes begin (retroactively) to January 1, 2015, in order to include the permit issued to the parish of St. Jude in early 2015.

I think these changes will help Redmond continue to be the kind of city I can feel proud to live in -- one that provides a high quality of living for its residents but one that is also open to sharing its benefits with others!

Thank you for your consideration,

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David Lee

From: Gary Callero <gmcallero@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 11:01 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Recommended changes to temporary use permitting processes and ordinances for encampments/Homeless in Redmond (RZC 21.46)

As a parishioner in St Jude parish over the last few years we have been privileged to host Camp Unity on multiple occasions. This activity is beneficial to both the residents of the encampment and the congregation of St Jude for a host of reasons, not the least of which is the ability to share our resources with others in our community that are not currently in favorable circumstances. The impact on our community is positive. However, there still exists a downside that makes this activity less appealing for both the Parish and the camp residents.

At the public meeting on December 2, 2015 points of discussion were aired and as parishioners of Redmond and having been involved with the Camp Unity in the past, it is our opinion that the following changes would be beneficial to all involved.

We would request that the following recommendations be accepted:

- Extend the **permit approval to a period of five (5) years** – REDUCING THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD for the City of Redmond and the host/encampment personnel.
- Increasing the length of stay on the host site to **at least 120 days** – adding an additional degree of STABILITY to the already unstable living environment of the residents of the encampment.
- Allowing up to **five (5) stays** during the five year period of each permit. There are not currently a large number of host sites available and until such time as that changes, return engagements may become necessary.
- In addition, since the permits issued to St Jude and Redwood Family Church, apparently twice already this year, for \$2,652 have already been executed it would be beneficial if these **existing 2015 permits be grandfathered in with the modified ordinance terms and language.**

Thank you for considering these changes,

Gary & Mary Lou Callero
Parishioners
St Jude Parish

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From: Tyler Moynihan <tymoynihan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 9:28 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Homeless Encampment Fees and Permits

To the planning commission,

Hello. I am a Redmond resident and I would like to provide input into the homeless encampment fees and permits following the discussion last week. It seems only appropriate that the permit fee be more in line with the fee charged by other cities. The city of Redmond charges more than 10 times the city of Kirkland charges. Additionally, once a church pays the permit fee, they should not have to pay it again in the event they host a subsequent encampment. The City of Redmond should allow as many stays as Redmond churches will allow in a given period of time and should not place limits. Lastly, the new homeless permit should be effective Jan 1, 2015 so that the churches who paid the exorbitant fee in 2015 would not have to pay it again for a while.

Thank you,

Tyler Moynihan

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David Lee

From: Roger Franz <rogerfranz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 10:03 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Redmond's encampment ordinance
Attachments: ProposedRedmondOrdinanceLetter-rwfranz-v3.pdf

I have attached my letter regarding this matter.

Thank you for taking up the matter of changing your encampment ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Redmond Planning Commissioners:

At the December 2 meeting of the Planning Commission, I spoke about burdens on religious freedom. I believe Redmond's encampment ordinance, as it exists, is unconstitutional and unlawful.

Even a law which generally applies to all, if it substantially burdens a church's exercise of its religious freedom and there are alternatives available, is unconstitutional under Washington State's Constitution, and, if it is land use law, is unlawful under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

Washington's courts and federal courts have held this to be true repeatedly.

Some of you asked a very good question: "Why are we using a permitting process for encampments?" I think Meishelle Haverkamp asked this specific question, though not in those exact words.

You should know, then, that not all cities in Washington have chosen the Temporary Use Permit as the means for working with encampments. The city of Battleground uses a radically different approach, and the city of Tukwila has no encampment ordinance. Neither requires a permit for a church to host an encampment.

I believe that the Redmond ordinance must be replaced and not merely amended, as the substantial cost of a temporary use permit is a burden on freedom of religion. Accordingly, I suggest the approach taken by Battleground, WA. Here's how that might look:

Temporary encampments for the homeless.

Pursuant to RCW 35.21.915, 35A.21.360, and 36.01.290, temporary encampments for the homeless are authorized by right by a hosting religious organization. The following standards shall apply:

A religious organization may host temporary encampments for the homeless on property owned or controlled by the religious organization whether within buildings located on the property or elsewhere on the property outside of buildings.

A public health official, fire marshal, or code enforcement official

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shall perform a site inspection of the facility to assure the necessary measures are in place to protect public health and safety. This inspection is to take place at least three days after the encampment is set up, and within ten days after the encampment is set up. Any actions determined to be corrected shall not substantially burden the religious organization.

The religious organization shall pay the city the actual costs associated with the review and approval of the encampment.

For the purposes of this section, "religious organization" means the federally protected practice of a recognized religious assembly, school, or institution that owns or controls real property.

Any appointed or elected public official or public employee of this city is immune from civil liability for (1) damages arising from the permitting decisions for a temporary encampment for the homeless as provided in this section and (2) any conduct or unlawful activity that may occur as a result of the temporary encampment for the homeless as provided in this section.

This avoids the permitting process by simply granting religious organizations the right to host.

It cuts the cost to a small amount, making inconsequential the burden on freedom of religion. With this kind of an ordinance in place, even small congregations with large parking lots might be able to host encampments.

Thank you for listening to the concerns of the community, and for considering a different path forward.

Sincerely,

Roger Franz

cc:

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David Lee

From: Lauren M <laurenm@live.com>
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 9:49 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Homeless encampment permit fees and rules

I want to provide some resident feedback on the permit process and fees charged for homeless encampments in Redmond. For way too long, Redmond has been charging local churches egregiously high fees to host encampments on the churches' own property and at their own operating cost. With the burgeoning homeless problem in Redmond, common sense would dictate that the city of Redmond might even subsidize these encampments rather than penalize churches for supporting them. I hope that the Redmond permit fee, which is more than 10 times what Kirkland charges, is reduced to be in line with Kirkland's fee, and that this fee is applied one time, and not as a penalty each time a church hosts an encampment. I also would ask that churches be allowed to host encampments as often as they are willing and able to, as it's a violation of religious freedom not to allow a church to practice its faith on its own property with the support of its own church members. The current situation in Redmond is neither logical nor ethical. The homeless won't go away just because we make it harder for them to find a place to sleep. They will just sleep on benches, which is less safe for the homeless and the community. Lastly, I would hope that any actions taken are retroactive from January 1, 2015 so that the exorbitant fee charged to churches in 2015 can at least be applied to future encampments going forward.

Thanks so much in advance,
Lauren Moynihan
Redmond resident

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David Lee

From: Andreas Gunawan <andreas.gunawan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Hosting of Homeless encampment.

Redmond Planning Commission.

This is to let you know that we,

Agatha Gunawan and Andreas Gunawan, both residents at 16635 NE 119th Way, Redmond, WA 98052, fully support the recommendations of St. Jude Parishioners which is:

1. Lower the permit fee to be more in line with other east side cities, or even lower if possible.
2. Allow 5 stays over 5 years once a permit to host is issued,
3. Make the effective date beginning 1/1/2015. including permit issued to St Jude in 2015.

Regards.

Evie and Andreas Gunawan.

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David Lee

From: LISA URSINO PAVITT <lmup_54@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 06, 2015 10:09 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: St. Jude Parish and Camp Unity

Redmond Planning Commission

I understand that St. Jude Parish (in which I am not a member), had to pay \$2,652 for a permit to hose Camp Unity. I also understand that this is TEN TIMES higher than ANY OTHER homeless encampment permit fee charged by ANY OTHER CITY on the Eastside! Why is that? Is it to try and make that church NOT live out the mission to offer shelter to the homeless? Camp Unity has proven to the community already that they are effective, organized and strict about the behaviors of the residents. Please lower this fee to be more in line with other Eastside cities.

Please allow this church or any other sponsor organization to allow them to stay at the site 5 times over the 5 years since this church was issued the permit on 1/1/2015.

This generous church is part of a solution and not a problem. Homelessness is REAL. People who want to help are REAL. Do not be a part of the problem. Please be a part of the solution, allowing this church to help the homeless for a period of time.

I do not attend St. Jude, but I go to Meadowbrook Church in Redmond. I have helped deliver and serve meals at Camp Unity and have donated tents to them. Letting St. Jude's have Camp Unity and Tent City come, gives me the opportunity to serve people that have found themselves in a bad situation.

Over 25 years ago, I was homeless. Friends let me stay on couches sometimes, and I slept in my car as well. Although I did have places I could go, it would not have been good for my mental health. Homelessness is not always a choice, sometimes it is simply a decision to be away from harm or away from situations that we cannot judge.

Please allow people on the eastside to reach out to the homeless!

Sincerely,

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David Lee

From: murielursino@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, December 06, 2015 7:41 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: issue of homeless encampments

As a resident of Redmond and a parishioner of St. Jude Parish, I strongly urge the commission members to change current measures regarding homeless encampments, and to adopt the following:

1. That the City of Redmond allow homeless encampments to stay 120 days at any site.
2. That the City of Redmond lower the permit fee to one comparable to fees charged by other cities on the east side
3. That the City of Redmond allow a homeless encampment at a host site 5 stays per permit over a period of 5 years.
4. That the the effective date of the homeless permit changes be effective as of 1/1/2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Rob Sonderman <r_sonder@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Comments on The Homeless in Redmond

Dear Redmond Planning Commission Members:

I would like to share my comments on the Homeless in Redmond as a resident of Redmond and St. Jude parishioner. In terms of background, I have personally been involved with every single homeless encampment at St. Jude providing labor for move in/ move out as well as meal preparation. I will keep my comments brief:

- > Homeless tent encampments are not a permanent solution, BUT do provide a valuable and effective alternative to the homeless living on the street. They are safer for the homeless and safer for the community at large given their "self-governance" and screening of residents. There are also benefits to the community in terms of sanitation and access to services.

- > I would like to recommend that homeless encampments have stays beyond the current 90 day limit. As someone that has actively planned and participated in numerous moves, these require an incredible amount of work by both the residents and the community. I would prefer a limit of up to 6 months assuming the host (such as St. Jude) has a strong track record of supporting and hosting an encampment with little or no negative community impact.

- > I think the cost of permits should be reduced or eliminated as the organizations providing the valuable service of hosting homeless encampments are typically not for profit organizations and the permit fee decreases the ability of the hosting organization to provide services directly to the homeless. Essentially, hosting organizations are already saving the City of Redmond money by hosting the camps and shouldn't be "taxed" for doing a community service.

- > I support that a permit should cover 5 stays per permit over a 5 year period. and that the homeless permit changes be effective starting January 1 to "grandfather" in the permit issued to St. Jude's in early 2015.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Rob Sonderman

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