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**CITY OF NEWPORT
CREATES CAR CAMPING SPACES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS**

The Newport City Council recently adopted Ordinance No. 2170, which permits car camping by homeless individuals. The city has made available three spaces in its parking lot, located at Ninth and Hurbert Streets, for car camping by homeless persons. The three well-marked spaces are located on the southwest side of the parking lot.

Ordinance No. 2170 provides that the owner of a commercial or industrial property, a public entity, or a religious institution/place of worship may offer overnight vehicle camping space to homeless persons living in vehicles, provided:

- Such accommodations are made free of charge; and
- Occupancy is limited to three or fewer vehicles at the same time; and
- Vehicles are located within an on premise parking lot, and are spaced at least 10 feet apart; and
- All items and materials are stored in vehicles or in a separate storage area that is screened from view from adjacent properties and public rights-of-way; and
- Campers are provided access to sanitary facilities, including a toilet, hand washing, and trash disposal facilities, with such facilities being at least 20-feet from the property line of a residential use if not fully contained within a building.

The city welcomes inquiries from commercial and industrial property owners or religious institutions interested in providing car camping for homeless individuals based

on the provisions of Ordinance No. 2170. Questions may be directed to Peggy Hawker,
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