

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed amendments are 1) cruel and inhumane, and 2) facially unconstitutional. Criminalizing homelessness serves no purpose other than to brutalize the most vulnerable; it does not make our streets safer, it does not use the city's resources efficiently, it does not help people escape homelessness. It is nothing more than cruelty to appease the least compassionate and most intolerant NIMBYs. And, as Councilman Bonin pointed out, even that is a false promise - as a criminal attorney, I can assure you that this proposed amendment will ensure that the city wastes millions of dollars on doomed litigation as soon as a suit is filed. Stop governing by lawsuit! Use reason and compassion! Let's delete 41.18 entirely and be done with it. Work on actual solutions.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a health services researcher with a PhD in public health who has done research both during my doctoral and postdoctoral training on the health effects of housing insecurity and homelessness, I am concerned about the proposed language changes to the language, as this will severely curtail the available places that homeless-experienced individuals can stay/sleep, that this will force these individuals to places that make it more difficult for them to access services and for homeless-service providers to find/reach them, and ultimately lead to worse health outcomes for homeless-experienced individuals. Please consider leaving the language as is!