

Reporting Illegal Camping to the City of Portland/Multnomah County One Point of Contact
A message from the LNA Public Safety & Traffic Committee

Background

Since 2015 the incidence of illegal tent and vehicle camping in Portland has presented a significant issue for many neighborhoods especially those with an adjacent park and those whose boundaries touch major freeways.

Reporting

The City and County established the One-Point-Of-Contact approach which funneled all reports of illegal tent, vehicle and other camping circumstances into a single office for follow up. One defining characteristic of the system has been that it reacts most effectively to the volume of reports received about any illegal camp. Therefore generating reports from concerned citizens, residents and businesses is a driving force.

Process

1. Sign into the City of Portland Webpage <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/>
2. Click onto I want to report a Problem on the left side list of actions <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/27447>
3. Click on Campsites <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/69333>
4. Complete the on- line form to the best of your knowledge and attach pictures if available.

TIP - Gather Information Before Reporting

1. Locate the campsite to a reference point on Portland Maps <https://www.portlandmaps.com/> . Example NWC/ OAK & SE CESAR E CHAVEZ BLVD will bring up a suitable location for vehicle or tent camping on Oak St where it borders Laurelhurst Park on both sides. https://www.portlandmaps.com/detail/property/NWC-OAK-SE-CESAR-E-CHAVEZ-BLVD/R316843_did/
2. Take a picture (not required) and observe circumstances, e.g. number of campers

Next Step

Encourage a colleague or neighbor to make a report about the illegal campsite(s) and share with them the background information you have collected and any photos.

Objective

The objective of this information piece is to highlight one reporting processes, encourage you to report and thereby build the reporting proficiency of the neighborhood.