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File Name: Prohibiting the Eviction of Temporary Encampments in
Reindahl Park.

Final Action:

Title: Prohibiting the eviction of temporary encampments in Reindahl Park.

Notes:

CC Agenda Date: 05/04/2021

Sponsors: Juliana R. Bennett

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1		Elizabeth York	Delegate
1		Stephanie Mabrey	Approve

History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Office	05/04/2021	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:		This Resolution was Referred for Introduction				
	Notes:		City-County Homeless Issues Committee (5/17/21), Common Council (5/18/21)				
1	COMMON COUNCIL	05/04/2021	Refer	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE			Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Abbas, seconded by Martin, to Refer to the CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Notes:

- 1 CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE 05/17/2021
 - 1 COMMON COUNCIL 05/18/2021
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Text of Legislative File 65316

Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution would authorize the ongoing use of public parks as temporary permissible encampments (TPEs), and prohibit the eviction of individuals taking shelter in TPEs.

Parks currently has two operating contracts for cleanup at McPike Park and Reindahl Park. The McPike contract totals \$20,000 and expires on 5/31/21, and the Reindahl contract totals \$15,000 and expires on 6/15/21. The scope of these contracts includes transportation, documentation, and storage of abandoned personal property, as well as cleanup of unwanted structures, human waste, hazardous materials, and other disposal as necessary.

The Parks Division estimates an additional \$50 per week in cleanup costs per park with a TPE. Over the course of a year, this cost would total to \$2,600 per park with a TPE. This cost does not include cleanup at restroom facilities, which are not currently open. If restroom facilities are opened, that would result in an additional \$117 per week, or a total cost of \$8,700 per park per year.

Title

Prohibiting the eviction of temporary encampments in Reindahl Park.

Body

WHEREAS, the July 2019 Point in Time Count of Homelessness Madison/Dane County (https://0dae4f91-4a77-41b6-8005-0e9000834ebd.filesusr.com/ugd/73dee7_c2f276f97ac644f99d222cd1dd16e50a.pdf) stated the Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County identified 650 people experiencing homelessness in Dane County on a single night in July 2019 and an estimated 800 people in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Public Health Madison & Dane County announced that community spread of COVID-19 was occurring in Dane County, with the first confirmed community death being reported on March 25; and

WHEREAS, individuals experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergencies have needed public assistance to secure areas where it is possible to observe proper social distancing, however there remain some individuals who are not using such resources and are instead taking temporary shelter or residency in City parks, greenways and other City lands; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (the CDC) has issued interim guidance on dealing with populations experiencing unsheltered homelessness (sleeping outside or in places not meant for human habitation) during the COVID-19 pandemic (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/unsheltered-homelessness.html>). The CDC recognizes that this is a population at risk for COVID-19 and the most up-to-date guidance recommends allowing temporary permissible encampments (TPEs) to remain; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Mayor Rhodes-Conway issued a Proclamation of Emergency due to COVID-19, which allowed for the temporary encampment in public parks and other designated areas; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, the City of Madison served an eviction notice to persons living in temporary encampments in McPike Park with an order to vacate the premise by February 28, 2021, as per Madison General Ordinance 8.44; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2021, the City of Madison served an eviction notice to persons living in temporary encampments in Reindahl Park with an order to vacate the premise by May 9, 2021, as per Madison General Ordinance 8.44;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Madison Common Council will continue to authorize the use of public parks and other designated areas as temporary permissible encampments (TPEs).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Madison Common Council will prohibit the removal and eviction of persons taking shelter in temporary permissible encampments.