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**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 1/23/2023  
**Meeting Type:** Work Session  
**Staff Contact/Dept.:** Mary Bridget Smith/CAO  
**Staff Phone No:** 541-744-4061  
**Estimated Time:** 30 Minutes  
**Council Goals:** Mandate

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<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	CAMPING ORDINANCE UPDATE
<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b>	Provide guidance about communication strategy and information about publicly owned land that will assist the Council's evaluation of its camping ordinance.
<b>ISSUE STATEMENT:</b>	The City's camping ordinance is out of compliance with HB3115 and must be repealed or revised to include reasonable time, place and manner restrictions by July 1, 2023.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1: PowerPoint Presentation 2: Public Land & ROW Map

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<b>DISCUSSION/ FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	In November, the Council reviewed legal issues related to regulating camping on public land and HB3115 which requires cities to amend their illegal camping ordinances to include reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. The purpose of this work session to obtain guidance about the communication strategy and review a public land and ROW map of the City of Springfield.
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**Schedule:** There are several upcoming opportunities for the Council to consider this issue:

February 6, Work Session - review examples from other jurisdictions and the City's efforts in sheltering unhoused persons.

March 6, Work Session - provide guidance for City of Springfield's proposed ordinance.

April 17, Regular Session - public hearing and first reading.

May 1, Regular Session - place holder for potential second public hearing and reading.

**Communication Strategy:** The intent of the communication strategy is to inform the public about why the City is changing its camping ordinance and to receive their feedback. The website will serve as a landing page with general information, schedule and updates. Social media will be used to amplify information and notify the public about how to provide feedback. The communication style is intended to provide information in a way that is concise and straightforward. Since the ordinance must be adopted in a Council meeting, the public input methods embedded in the Council meeting agenda and process can serve as a way to receive public input. Finally, staff will intentionally reach out to stakeholders such as Team Springfield partners, service providers and the Chamber of Commerce to invite their feedback.

**Public Land and ROW Map:** Attachment 2 is a map of public land and right of way in the City of Springfield. The City owns several different types of property, but this ordinance is limited to land that is open to the public. Also, it will only apply to land located within Springfield city limits because it will be enforced through Springfield Municipal Court.

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# Camping Ordinance and HB 3115

January 23, 2023

Presented by: City Attorney's Office



# Discussion Context

- This work session is intended to receive Council guidance about the communication strategy and types of information about City owned property the Council would like to include in its evaluation of the City's camping ordinance.
- This next work session in February will address:
  - Examples from other jurisdictions
  - City's efforts in sheltering

# Communication Strategy - Purpose/Factors

Front and Center Issue

Inform Public

Receive Input

Time Constraints

# Communication Strategy - Components

- Website, social media, Council meetings
- Use FAQ style communications to inform and update the public
- Channel public comment to existing public meeting process
- Intentional stakeholder reach out

# Public Land Map

- Enforcement - City limits
- Land that is open to the public
- Land that is subject to City regulation and control

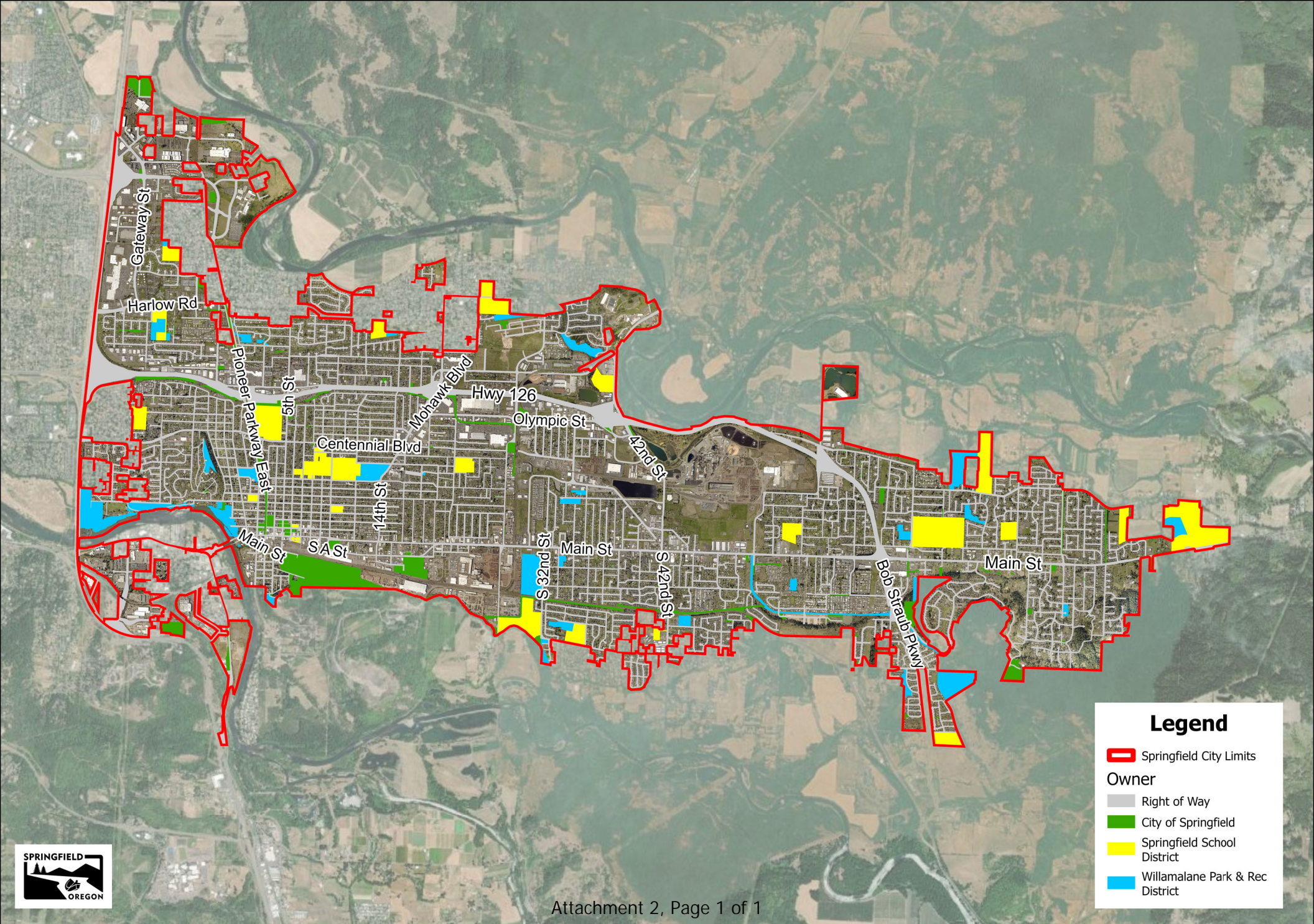
# Questions About Public Land Map

- What kind of additional information would help the Council determine how to regulate illegal camping?
  - Specific locations in the City or types of publicly owned land
  - Current enforcement and camp clean up locations
  - ROW safety
  - Environmentally sensitive locations/considerations


# Conclusion

- This area of the law is developing
- Focus on jurisdiction specific solutions and 'show work' to avoid liability
- Next - examples from other jurisdictions and summary of City's efforts in sheltering and housing








**Legend**


 Springfield City Limits

**Owner**

 Right of Way

 City of Springfield

 Springfield School District

 Willamalane Park & Rec District

# Public Land & Right of Way