

Legislative Directive
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Pursuant to City Charter Section 7.1(h)(1)(B), the Minneapolis City Council requests a nonpartisan, multidisciplinary review from the Mayor of the following:

1. Study and analyze the existing practices of the City of Minneapolis in carrying out forced encampment closures or removals, examining the roles of all involved departments, particularly the role of law enforcement and the Minneapolis Police Department.
 - a. Provide recommendations for non-police or minimal police involvement if and/or when the closure of a homeless encampment occurs.
 - b. Include methods, practices, and measures in these recommendations for providing for the safety of encampment residents, surrounding neighborhood residents and businesses, City staff, contractors, and consultants when an encampment closure – forced or otherwise – is carried out.
2. Provide recommendations for those displaced by an encampment closure to continue to receive health care and social services, including but not limited to, treatments for physical illness; mental health support; chemical dependency treatment; and storage of personal property.
3. Ensure the analysis and recommendations are driven by a public health analysis, racial equity metrics, performance, and innovation.

Pursuant to City Charter Section 7.1(h)(1)(B), the Minneapolis City Council further requests a nonpartisan, multidisciplinary review from the Mayor of the following:

1. Provide a thorough fiscal analysis of all costs associated with the planning and execution of forced encampment removals or closures led by the City of Minneapolis. This should include but is not limited to: staff time for any activities in the planning for these removals, use of city property or infrastructure such as Public Works equipment, use of consultants, cost of any mutual aid provided or received, staff overtime costs, and costs associated with debriefing.
 - a. This fiscal analysis should include the total cost, as detailed above, for each forced homeless encampment removal or closure led by the City of Minneapolis in the last 3 years. In cases where the City of Minneapolis supported the forced closure or removal of a homeless encampment, provide the total cost paid for by the City of Minneapolis.
2. To the extent practicable, provide data on injuries to staff, consultants/contractors and to residents of encampments or bystanders; arrests; deaths; spread of disease; loss of connection to service providers; loss of personal property; and the creation of new encampments in nearby neighborhoods.

Present the requested information, including proposed timelines for implementation and/or next steps where appropriate, along with a fiscal analysis of any recommendations and policy changes to the Minneapolis City Council's Committee of the Whole no later than March 29, 2023. In the time between receiving/approving this Legislative Directive and the March 29, 2023, deadline, provide bi-weekly updates to the authors of this Legislative Directives as to the progress being made on fulfilling this request.