



## AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

**TITLE:** Bill No. 1040 C.S. – Unlawful Camping, Sitting, Lying Ordinance

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Miles Slattery

**PRESENTED FOR:** Action Information only Discussion

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Waive full reading, read by title only, and introduce Bill No. 1040 C.S., an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Eureka repealing Title XI, Chapter 93, Section 93.02 (Camping Permitted in Only Designated Areas); repealing Title XIII, Chapter 130, Section 130.12 (Sitting or Lying on Sidewalks in Commercial Districts); and adding Chapter 130, Section 130.15 (Unlawful Camping, Sitting, Lying) to Title XIII General Offenses

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

### **COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION**

- Effective Governance and Communication
- Economic Development
- Health and Safety
- Community Pride

### **DISCUSSION**

At the January 14, 2025, Council meeting, Council directed staff to combine two ordinances related to camping and sitting-lying on sidewalks and to increase the violation of these regulations. Based on this direction, staff is recommending to repeal two ordinances regulating camping and sitting and lying on sidewalks, introducing a single ordinance and making violations of these regulations a misdemeanor.

This ordinance updates the City's regulations to provide an additional tool for addressing unlawful camping, sitting and lying in public spaces. This adjustment aims to assist individuals who suffer from anosognosia (someone who lacks the insight or awareness of their own mental illness) or for those community members where other forms of treatment or intervention have not been accepted or proven effective. The City

remains committed to a compassionate approach, prioritizing access to comprehensive support services, including shelter, housing assistance, mental health and substance use treatment, job training and other essential programs. These efforts seek to enhance the quality of life for all community members and ensure access by everyone to our public spaces.