



Memorandum

To: CITY COUNCIL

From: Mayor Sam Liccardo
Vice Mayor Chappie Jones
Councilmember Dev Davis
Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

Subject: SEE BELOW

Date: February 22, 2019

Approved:

SUBJECT: SAFE PARKING SHELTER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept Planning Commission's recommendations with the following modifications:
 - a. Allow Safe Parking providers to include supervised, outdoor food preparation and eating by either participants or the provider as part of the operator's site layout plan and service management plan, but continue to prohibit participants from lighting fires of any kind; such activity shall be consistent with the use;
 - b. Allow Safe Parking operators the discretion to allow participants—under unique conditions—to periodically sleep outside of cars if, for example, it would be dangerously hot to sleep inside the car, or a participant has marked pain or discomfort because of sleeping inside a car;
 - c. Change setback requirement to 30 feet, consistent with residential setbacks; and
 - d. Require Safe Parking operators to maintain and publish a phone number that will allow operators to field any related community concerns or complaints, including those that might be made outside of regular business hours.
2. Direct staff to reach out to Safe Parking operators with offers of City or partner services soon after plans are approved.

BACKGROUND

Much thanks goes to PCBE and the Housing Department for moving so quickly from pilot to ordinance on this important addition to our response to the homelessness and housing crisis. We appreciate the potential impacts that a Safe Parking Program might have on surrounding uses and the desire to make clear that Safe Parking is a parking rather than a residential shelter program. However, we believe that we should make participants feel "at home" as much as possible, with food that a church, temple, or other facility might be willing to provide, and flexibility to provide more comfortable sleeping arrangements outside a participant's vehicle.