



HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
(HHAND) COMMISSION



**HHAND RESOLUTION 2026-01
MARCH 4, 2026**

**A Resolution of the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission (HHAND)
Supporting a Municipal Sanctioned Campground Pilot Program**

VICE CHAIR: Jessica Parks

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Michelle Baker, Julie Greene-Graham, Daniel Sager, Jessica Parks, D. Sheneé Williams, Laura Reijns, Dr. Marvin Johnson

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage passed AO No. 2025-74 in June of 2025 which prohibits camping on public premises; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be illegal camping as defined by AO No, 2025-74 due to lack of enforcement and limited options or alternatives for campers to go; and

WHEREAS, the Allowed Camps Community Task Force published their findings and recommendations for sanctioned camping in AIM 140-2023; and

WHEREAS, when camps of any kind grow in size, they tend to become less safe for the inhabitants, operators, outreach personnel and surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, without any action, campers will return to the city parks and greenbelts in the summer, creating unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the HHAND Commission is charged under AMC §4.60.260 with advising the Mayor and Assembly on long- and short-term housing, homelessness, and community development needs, and strategies to revitalize lower-income and at-risk neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the HHAND Commission recognizes that sanctioned camping is not a permanent solution to address homelessness;

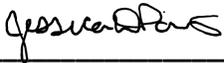
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission voices its support for a sanctioned campground pilot program for summer of 2026, running from May 1st through September 30th, and urges the Mayor and Assembly that it be set up according to the following before May 1st:

1. Set up three separate campgrounds; one for women, one for families, and one for men. Campgrounds capacity should be capped at 30 persons.

2. Camps would offer a secure, fenced area, 24-hour security, 10x10 allotted space per client, secure storage. Rigid tents, similar to the design by LIT Workshop in Portland, will be provided and must be used by clients.
3. Each camp will have a central cooking area with provided grills
- 4: Each camp will offer Port O Potties and adequate dumpsters for refuse
5. The Municipality will work through the Continuum of Care to connect clients with services.
6. The following will not be allowed: disruptive behavior, consumption of or the sale of illicit drugs or alcohol, violence of any kind.
7. Campers will be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once admitted, they will have a spot until they choose to check out or lose their privileges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HHAND Commission stands ready to work with the Mayor and Assembly to work towards a framework for this pilot program.

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2026, by the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission.



Jessica Parks, Vice Chair