



## HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (HHAND) COMMISSION



**HHAND RESOLUTION 2025-01  
JULY 02, 2025**

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### **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT 24-HOUR OPERATIONS OF DESIGNATED PARKING**

**CHAIR: David Rittenberg**

**VICE CHAIR: Jessica Parks**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS: Michelle Baker, Julie Greene-Graham, Daniel Sager, Delmonicia (Sheneé) Williams, Laura Reijns**

Whereas the Anchorage Community has experienced a large number of unauthorized encampments, including vehicle encampments in recent years.

Whereas unmanaged encampments can often grow large and ultimately become unsafe for the users of these camps, neighborhoods where they exist, and the Anchorage Community.

Whereas persons experiencing homelessness, and especially unsheltered homelessness, need safety and stability to have capacity to make strides toward permanent stability.

Whereas providing a safe and well managed space for people to park and sleep is a piece of providing support and stability to a specific subpopulation of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Anchorage.

Whereas providing clear direction on where people can legally park will reduce unauthorized parking and the associated neighborhood impacts.

Whereas individuals who must sleep in their vehicles still need a place to exist during the day.

Whereas typically designated parking in the lower 48 is something that is offered 24/7 and year-round.

Whereas closing designated parking each morning will force people out into the surrounding community, increasing neighborhood impact, and increasing vehicle operations costs for individuals who are already on a very tight budget.

Whereas opening designated parking each night could incentivize people to line up early for a spot, potentially increasing neighborhood impact during times when the space is unstaffed.

Whereas as a community, we have learned historic lessons on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and other locations, that 24-hour services create more stability for clients and causes less negative impacts on the neighborhood.

Therefore, be it resolved that the HHAND Commission is supportive of safe and well managed designated parking.

Be it further resolve that the HHAND Commission encourages the Municipality of Anchorage not close designated parking during the day and to operate designated parking on a 24 hour basis.

**Passed by the commission on July 02, 2025**

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David Rittenberg, Chair

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