



Anchorage Police Department

# Camp Abatement Process



# Camp Abatement Workflow



# 1. PUBLIC

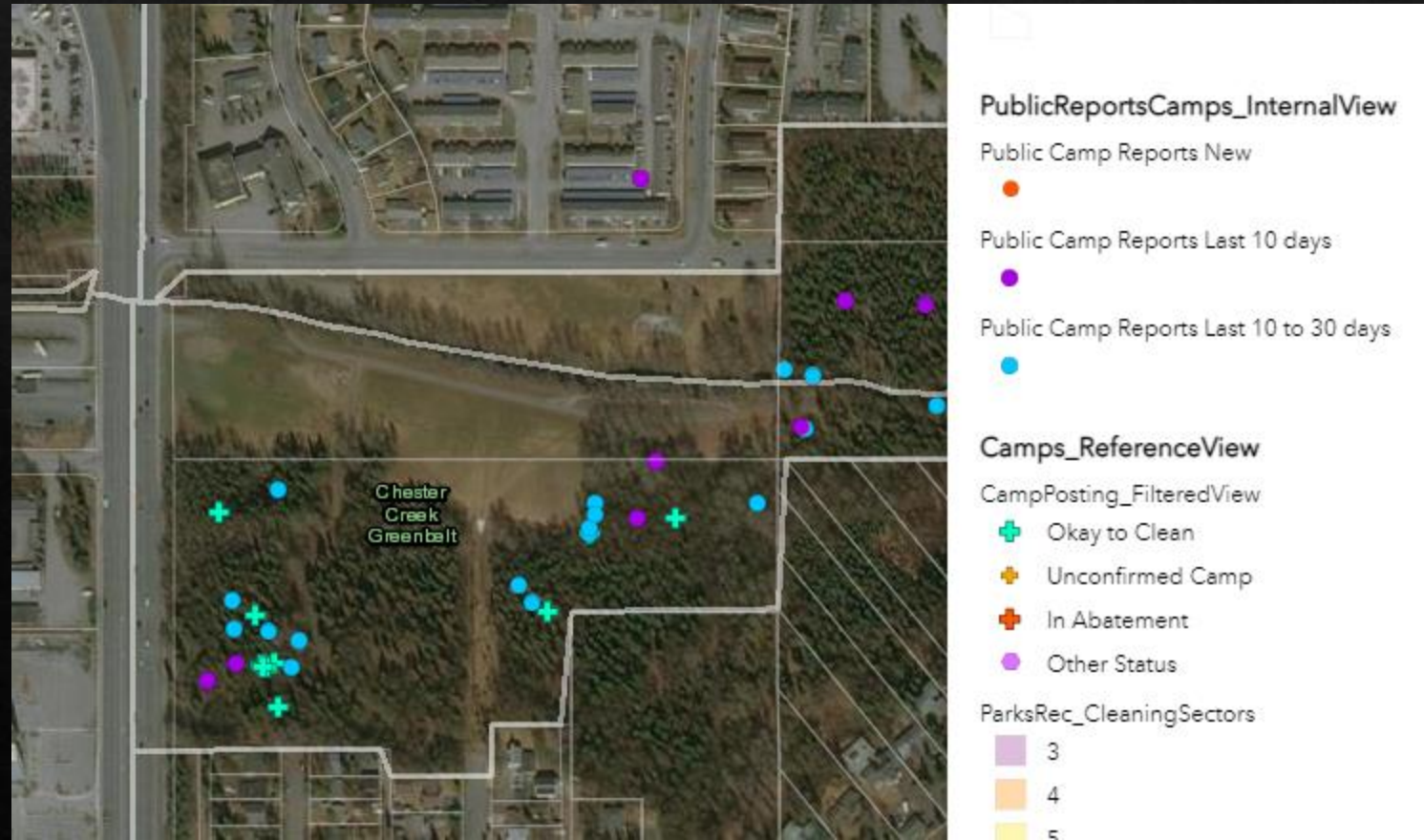
Reports a camp via the [#ancWorks Reporting Form](#) accessed through “Featured Links”, “Report a Homeless Camp” on [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org) also available on mobile devices.



APD CAP Team also receives camps reported by Patrol as well as individual calls/complaints/emails. It has been the goal to steer all citizen reports/complaints through the Muni Reporting Form.

# 1. PUBLIC (cont'd)

Muni Reporting Form puts visible pin on map that is visible to all entities, including outreach, involved in the abatement/cleanup process.



## 2. REPORT ONLINE

Incoming reports are compared to active reports for accuracy and overlap of reports.

## 3. SCREENING / PRIORITIZATION

a) Screening is conducted to verify the camp report. Prioritization criteria includes:

- Density of reported camps.
- Quantities of garbage, debris and hazardous waste.
- Environmental concerns including wildfire hazards, bear activity, destruction of vegetation.
- Proximity to sensitive locations; schools, childcare facilities, playgrounds, senior housing, healthcare facilities.
- Public safety concerns such as known criminal activity.
- APD CAP Team and Parks & Rec. perform site assessment to identify the scope of reported camp(s).

b) Weekly scheduled meetings occur with CAP, Parks & Rec, City Hall representative, City Legal, health department and EOC shelter. Topics of the weekly meeting typically include:

- Update on past & current postings, cleanup progress, newly reported camp(s) or problem sites.
- Current shelter capacity and trends.
- Coordinate plan for next area posting, area closures and clean-up schedule..

## 4. POSTING

Postings apply to public property only. Owners of private property can move illegal camps from their property immediately. APD CAP Team often educates private property owners on the process.

<h1>NOTICE</h1> <h2>OF ILLEGAL CAMPSITE ABATEMENT</h2> <h3>10 DAYS NOTICE</h3>	
This campsite is illegally located on public land in violation of:	
<input type="checkbox"/> AMC 8.45.010A.4 <input type="checkbox"/> AMC 25.70.040A.1 <input type="checkbox"/> AMC 25.70.060J	
<u>You are ordered to leave this property and remove your belongings within 10 days.</u>	
<b>THIS TIME EXPIRES AFTER:</b>	
<b>10 DAY ABATEMENT DATE</b>	<b>NOTES:</b>
After this date, personal property remaining, including tents or shelters and their contents, may be seized and disposed of as waste, under the authority of Anchorage Municipal Code 15.20.020B.15.	

## 4. POSTING (cont'd)

Using the prioritized list, CAP and Parks & Rec schedule abatement and cleaning, depending on ability to clean promptly and availability of shelter beds. Some delays in posting may occur because of limited resources.

CAP responds and posts abatement notices on individual camps / structures.

a) 10-day abatement:

- Most common notice used.
- Items left behind considered trash and disposed of.

b) 72-hour abatement:

- Used when safety is a component of the reason for posting.
- Items left behind require storage (performed by Parks & Rec.).

c) Zone posting:

- Normally posted in tandem with 10-day abatement.
- Closes area for new campers between initial posting and clean-up.

d) Area closure:

- When deemed appropriate, posted in tandem with 10-day abatement.
- Closes area for *all* use, any new camps can be moved immediately.

Once posting is completed, CAP notifies all involved, to include Outreach, on the scope of the posting (how many camps/structures, how many people were contacted, etc).

## 5. OUTREACH

Outreach is coordinated through community partnerships with social service agencies for mental health, medical care, safety/shelter resources, housing referrals and connection to service navigation.

- Outreach sends CAP outreach plans, dates & locations.
- CAP informs Outreach of the scope of the posting after completion for a particular area.

## 6. CLEAN-UP

After the period of time required by the abatement posting, Parks & Rec teams clean the camps based on a coordinated prioritized work list.

- Parks & Rec facilitates the storage and return of items collected from 72-hour camp postings.

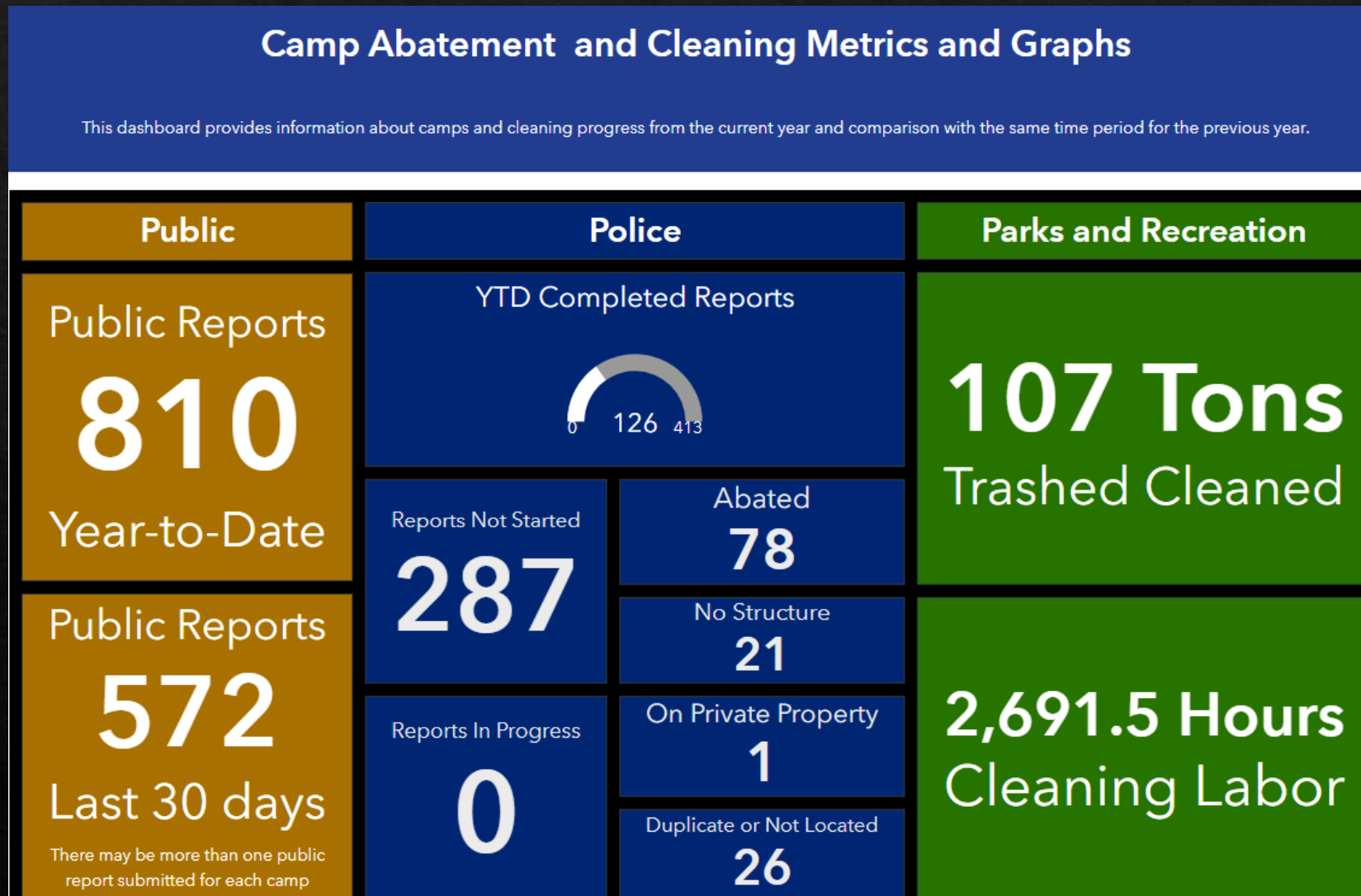
APD CAP Team performs periodic walk-throughs & security checks on cleaned locations to address camps that may have moved back into an area.

- In areas that have been closed, new camps can be removed immediately.
- In areas that have not been closed, 10-day abatement process starts again.



# 7. DATA

Summary statistics and maps are available for the public, via [muni.org](http://muni.org) to show camps abated, trash cleaned, hours worked, etc.



# PANHANDLING

Crimes and violations regularly seen occurring with groups panhandling on street corners and gathering nearby those areas.

## VIOLATIONS

1. Pedestrian violations:
  - a) Obey control device/regulations, 9.20.010.
  - b) Crossing at other than right angle, 9.20.030.
  - c) Not in crosswalk to yield right-of-way to all vehicles, 9.20.040.
  - d) Soliciting rides, contributions or business, 9.20.060.
    - a) Subsection citation for driver – causing securing, aiding or abetting of another.
  - e) Walking in roadway where sidewalks are provided, 9.20.080.
2. Consuming alcohol in public place, 8.35.400.
3. Intoxicated person on roadway, 8.35.410.
4. Littering, 14.70.110.
5. Public excretion, 14.70.120.

## CRIMINAL

1. Pedestrian interference, 8.30.125.
2. Indecent exposure, 8.10.090.
3. Theft & shoplifting nearby businesses, 8.15.010.
4. Vehicle tampering in nearby parking lots, 8.20.010.
5. Assault, 8.10.010.
6. Disorderly conduct, 8.30.120:
  - a) Engage in consensual sexual penetration in public.
  - b) Loud noise / disturbing the peace.
  - c) Challenging, or engage in fighting other than self-defense.
7. Trespass, 8.45.010.