

Exhibit "A"



Although camping along the Red River is not permitted, The City of Fargo and area service providers recognize that due to the lack of available shelter and housing options, many people who find themselves without a home have no other option besides sleeping outside. As we work towards implementing Housing First, and to minimize the likelihood of your camp being removed, the following expectations have been developed to ensure the peace and safety of the campsite, campers, and community members.

### **Homeless Camp Expectations**

- Keep camps at least 30 feet away from public paths. The visibility of camps is a main driver of public complaints.
- Camps must maintain a minimum distance of 15 feet from the riverbank. This is to prevent the loss of life and property from flash flooding and prevent garbage from entering the river.
- Camps must remain peaceful and safe. There can be no violence or threats of violence to fellow campers or passersby. Inability to maintain a peaceful and safe environment may result in camp removal.
- Camp size should be kept to no more than 3 people in one camp, unless authorized by the Harm Reduction Division. Camps must also maintain a distance of at least 30 yards (90 feet) between other camps. This is to ensure camps are discreet, quiet and cleanliness is easier to maintain.
- To allow consistent access to services, all camps must be within one-half mile north or south of the Downtown Engagement Center (DEC) along the Red River. All people in camps must be willing to engage with DEC services and staff. Not doing so may result in the removal of your camp.
- Keep your camp tidy. You will be provided with garbage bags and sharps containers which will be collected once per week by the Outreach Team. This helps to minimize negative impacts on the local environment, decrease the likelihood of a fire in your camp, and prevent biohazard concerns.
- All City policies regulating recreational fires apply to camp fires. All open burning, including recreational fires, is banned when the fire index is at the high, very high or extreme level and any time during a red flag warning. This information, including red flag days, will be made available at the DEC and provided by the Outreach Team when possible.

If the above expectations are not met, or you are unable to get your camp into compliance in a timely manner, your camp may be subject to removal. A written notice will be provided to you at least 48 hours in advance of a planned camp removal.

### **Outreach Team Expectations**

You can expect certain predictable supports from our Outreach Team in order to be successful in meeting the above expectations.

- The Outreach Team will visit camps often, no less than once per week, to collect garbage, sharps containers, and address any concerns that may arise.
- If and when shelter space or housing options become available, the Outreach Team will notify you and can assist in creating a plan to store your belongings and move into shelter or housing.
- Connection to staff and services at the DEC is required to keep your camp in good standing. A variety of area service providers are on-site at the DEC each week day to connect you to the services you may need.
- The DEC is open daily from 8:00am-5:00pm to assist in additional needs that may come up. Showers, lockers, food, and connection to resources are available daily.
  - Homeless Healthcare is provided at the DEC on a first-come-first-serve basis from 8:00am-12:00pm Monday-Friday to assist in addressing any physical or mental health concerns you may have.
  - Often bug spray, sun screen, hand warmers, and other necessities are available at the DEC if you need them.
  - If you have questions, stop by the DEC or call us at 701-476-6723.

**Downtown Engagement Center – 222 4<sup>th</sup> St. N. Fargo, ND 58102**  
**Phone: 701-476-6723**

Exhibit "B"

When a homeless camp is reported in FargoOne:



When camp contact is made:

