



LOCAL NO-CAMPING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

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Background

- Texas House Bill 1925 prohibits camping on an unapproved public place
 - ▣ Class C misdemeanor
- Camping ban attempts to move those experiencing homelessness toward programs and services
 - ▣ Enforcement requires an alternative location to camp; if on public property, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs must approve site
- *Martin v. Boise*: may not enforce ordinances that ban public camping unless enough shelter beds are provided to house homeless persons within their jurisdiction
- Homelessness and Mental Health strategic plan provides an outline to address these issues
- Proposed Arbor of Hope Shelter will make Killeen *Martin v. Boise* compliant
 - ▣ Comprehensive solution provides access to resources



ARBOR
OF HOPE



HOMELESS TO HOUSING
COMMUNITY

KILLEEN REGIONAL COMMUNITY



Fort Hood Area
**Habitat
for Humanity**
BUILDING
STRENGTH,
STABILITY,
SELF-
RELIANCE
AND SHELTER
FOR CENTRAL
TEXANS

Moving Forward

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- ❑ Downtown clean-ups as necessary
- ❑ Enforcement of nuisance violations and increased patrols
- ❑ Working with downtown business owners to install cameras and gate areas with frequent incidents
- ❑ Outreach with property owners to discourage trespassing
- ❑ Follow solutions outlined in the Strategic Plan
 - ▣ Arbor of Hope Shelter is critical
 - ▣ Provides an alternative location where resources are available and situation can be managed