
HOUSE BILL 1754

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Community Development & Veterans.

1 AN ACT Relating to the hosting of the homeless by religious
2 organizations; amending RCW 36.01.290, 35.21.915, and 35A.21.360; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that residents in
6 temporary settings hosted by religious organizations are a
7 particularly vulnerable population that do not have access to the
8 same services as citizens with more stable housing. Residents in
9 these settings, including outdoor uses such as outdoor encampments,
10 indoor overnight shelters, temporary small houses on site, and
11 homeless-occupied vehicle resident safe parking, can be at increased
12 risk of exploitation, theft, unsanitary living conditions, and
13 physical harm. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that
14 local municipalities have the discretion to protect the health and
15 safety of residents in temporary settings that are hosted by
16 religious organizations. Furthermore, the legislature finds and
17 declares that hosted outdoor encampments, indoor overnight shelters,
18 temporary small houses on site, and homeless-occupied vehicle
19 resident safe parking serve as pathways for individuals experiencing
20 homelessness to receive services and achieve financial stability,
21 health, and permanent housing.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.01.290 and 2010 c 175 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) A religious organization may host (~~temporary encampments~~
4 ~~for~~) the homeless on property owned or controlled by the religious
5 organization whether within buildings located on the property or
6 elsewhere on the property outside of buildings.

7 (2) A county may not enact an ordinance or regulation or take any
8 other action that:

9 (a) Imposes conditions other than those necessary to protect
10 public health and safety and that do not substantially burden the
11 decisions or actions of a religious organization regarding the
12 location of housing or shelter, such as an outdoor encampment, indoor
13 overnight shelter, temporary small house on site, or vehicle resident
14 safe parking, for homeless persons on property owned or controlled by
15 the religious organization;

16 (b) Requires a religious organization to obtain insurance
17 pertaining to the liability of a municipality with respect to
18 homeless persons housed on property owned by a religious organization
19 or otherwise requires the religious organization to indemnify the
20 municipality against such liability; (~~or~~)

21 (c) Imposes permit fees in excess of the actual costs associated
22 with the review and approval of (~~the required~~) permit applications.
23 Actual costs must be reasonable and not include departmental
24 overhead. Actual permit costs are reasonable if they do not cause an
25 undue burden to the permit applicant;

26 (d) Specifically limits a religious organization's availability
27 to host an outdoor encampment on its property or property controlled
28 by the religious organization to fewer than six months during any
29 calendar year. However, a county may enact an ordinance or regulation
30 that requires a three-month separation of time between subsequent or
31 established outdoor encampments at a particular site;

32 (e) Specifically limits a religious organization's outdoor
33 encampment hosting term to fewer than four consecutive months;

34 (f) Limits the number of simultaneous religious organization
35 outdoor encampment hostings within the same municipality during any
36 given period of time. Simultaneous and adjacent hostings of outdoor
37 encampments by religious organizations may be limited if located
38 within one thousand feet of another outdoor encampment concurrently
39 hosted by a religious organization;

1 (g) Limits a religious organization's availability to host safe
2 parking efforts at its on-site parking lot, including limitations on
3 any other congregationally sponsored uses and the parking available
4 to support such uses during the hosting, except for limitations that
5 are in accord with the following criteria that would govern if
6 enacted by local ordinance or memorandum of understanding between the
7 host religious organization and the jurisdiction:

8 (i) No less than one space may be devoted to safe parking per ten
9 on-site parking spaces;

10 (ii) Restroom access must be provided either within the buildings
11 on the property or through use of portable facilities, with the
12 provision for proper disposal of waste if recreational vehicles are
13 hosted;

14 (h) Limits a religious organization's availability to host an
15 indoor overnight shelter in spaces with at least two accessible exits
16 due to lack of sprinklers or other fire-related concerns. The host
17 religious organization and county may enter into a memorandum of
18 understanding to include local fire district inspections, an outline
19 for appropriate emergency procedures, a determination of the most
20 viable means to evacuate occupants from inside the host site with
21 appropriate illuminated exit signage, panic bar exit doors, and a
22 completed fire watch agreement indicating:

23 (i) Posted safe means of egress;

24 (ii) Operable smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors as
25 necessary, and fire extinguishers;

26 (iii) A plan for monitors who spend the night awake and are
27 familiar with emergency protocols, who have suitable communication
28 devices, and who know how to contact the local fire department; or

29 (i) Limits a religious organization's ability to host temporary
30 small houses on land owned or controlled by the religious
31 organization, except for recommendations that are in accord with the
32 following criteria:

33 (i) A renewable one-year duration agreed to by the host religious
34 organization and local jurisdiction via a memorandum of
35 understanding;

36 (ii) Maintaining a maximum unit square footage of one hundred
37 twenty square feet, with units set at least six feet apart;

38 (iii) Electricity and heat, if provided, must be inspected by the
39 local jurisdiction;

1 (iv) Space heaters, if provided, must be approved by the local
2 fire authority;

3 (v) Doors and windows must be included and be lockable, with a
4 recommendation that the managing agency and host religious
5 organization also possess keys;

6 (vi) Each unit must have a fire extinguisher;

7 (vii) Adequate restrooms must be provided, including restrooms
8 solely for families if present, along with handwashing and potable
9 running water to be available if not provided within the individual
10 units, including accommodating black water;

11 (viii) A recommendation for the host religious organization to
12 partner with regional homeless service providers to develop pathways
13 to permanent housing.

14 (3) (a) A county may enact an ordinance or regulation or take any
15 other action that requires a host religious organization and a
16 distinct managing agency using the religious organization's property,
17 owned or controlled by the religious organization, for hostings to
18 include outdoor encampments, temporary small houses on site, indoor
19 overnight shelters, or vehicle resident safe parking to enter into a
20 memorandum of understanding to protect the public health and safety
21 of both the residents of the particular hosting and the residents of
22 the county.

23 (b) At a minimum, the agreement must include information
24 regarding: The right of a resident in an outdoor encampment, vehicle
25 resident safe parking, temporary small house on site, or indoor
26 overnight shelter to seek public health and safety assistance, the
27 resident's ability to access social services on site, and the
28 resident's ability to directly interact with the host religious
29 organization, including the ability to express any concerns regarding
30 the managing agency to the religious organization; a written code of
31 conduct agreed to by the managing agency, if any, host religious
32 organization, and all volunteers working with residents of the
33 outdoor encampment, temporary small house on site, indoor overnight
34 shelter, or vehicle resident safe parking; and when a publicly funded
35 managing agency exists, the ability for the host religious
36 organization to interact with residents of the outdoor encampment,
37 indoor overnight shelter, temporary small house on site, or vehicle
38 resident safe parking using a release of information.

39 (4) Any host religious organization performing any hosting of an
40 outdoor encampment, vehicle resident safe parking, or indoor

1 overnight shelter, or the host religious organization's managing
2 agency must ensure that the county or local law enforcement agency
3 has completed sex offender checks of all adult residents and guests
4 if the hosting is supported by public funding or such checks are
5 included in a memorandum of understanding between the host religious
6 organization and jurisdiction, with the host religious organization
7 retaining the authority to allow such offenders to remain on the
8 property. A host religious organization or host religious
9 organization's managing agency performing any hosting of vehicle
10 resident safe parking must inform vehicle residents how to comply
11 with laws regarding the legal status of vehicles and drivers, and
12 provide a written code of conduct consistent with area standards.

13 (5) Any host religious organization performing any hosting of an
14 outdoor encampment, vehicle resident safe parking, temporary small
15 house on site, or indoor overnight shelter, with a publicly funded
16 managing agency, must work with the county to utilize Washington's
17 homeless client management information system, as provided for in RCW
18 43.185C.180. When the religious organization does not partner with a
19 managing agency, the religious organization is encouraged to partner
20 with a local homeless services provider using the Washington homeless
21 client managing information system. Any managing agency receiving any
22 funding from local continuum of care programs must utilize the
23 homeless client management information system. Temporary, overnight,
24 extreme weather shelter provided in religious organization buildings
25 does not need to meet this requirement.

26 (6) For the purposes of this section((7)):

27 (a) "Managing agency" means an organization such as a religious
28 organization or other organized entity that has the capacity to
29 organize and manage a homeless outdoor encampment, temporary small
30 houses on-site, indoor overnight shelter, and a vehicle resident safe
31 parking program.

32 (b) "Outdoor encampment" means any temporary tent or structure
33 encampment, or both.

34 (c) "Religious organization" means the federally protected
35 practice of a recognized religious assembly, school, or institution
36 that owns or controls real property.

37 (d) "Temporary" means not affixed to land permanently and not
38 using underground utilities.

39 ((4)) (7) An appointed or elected public official, public
40 employee, or public agency as defined in RCW 4.24.470 is immune from

1 civil liability for (a) damages arising from the permitting decisions
2 for a temporary encampment for the homeless as provided in this
3 section and (b) any conduct or unlawful activity that may occur as a
4 result of the temporary encampment for the homeless as provided in
5 this section.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.21.915 and 2010 c 175 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) A religious organization may host ~~((temporary encampments~~
9 ~~for))~~ the homeless on property owned or controlled by the religious
10 organization whether within buildings located on the property or
11 elsewhere on the property outside of buildings.

12 (2) A city or town may not enact an ordinance or regulation or
13 take any other action that:

14 (a) Imposes conditions other than those necessary to protect
15 public health and safety and that do not substantially burden the
16 decisions or actions of a religious organization regarding the
17 location of housing or shelter, such as an outdoor encampment, indoor
18 overnight shelter, temporary small house on site, or vehicle resident
19 safe parking, for homeless persons on property owned or controlled by
20 the religious organization;

21 (b) Requires a religious organization to obtain insurance
22 pertaining to the liability of a municipality with respect to
23 homeless persons housed on property owned by a religious organization
24 or otherwise requires the religious organization to indemnify the
25 municipality against such liability; ~~((or))~~

26 (c) Imposes permit fees in excess of the actual costs associated
27 with the review and approval of ~~((the required))~~ permit applications.
28 Actual costs must be reasonable and not include departmental
29 overhead. Actual permit costs are reasonable if they do not cause an
30 undue burden to the permit applicant;

31 (d) Specifically limits a religious organization's availability
32 to host an outdoor encampment on its property or property controlled
33 by the religious organization to fewer than six months during any
34 calendar year. However, a city or town may enact an ordinance or
35 regulation that requires a three-month separation of time between
36 subsequent or established outdoor encampments at a particular site;

37 (e) Specifically limits a religious organization's outdoor
38 encampment hosting term to fewer than four consecutive months;

1 (f) Limits the number of simultaneous religious organization
2 outdoor encampment hostings within the same municipality during any
3 given period of time. Simultaneous and adjacent hostings of outdoor
4 encampments by religious organizations may be limited if located
5 within one thousand feet of another outdoor encampment concurrently
6 hosted by a religious organization;

7 (g) Limits a religious organization's availability to host safe
8 parking efforts at its on-site parking lot, including limitations on
9 any other congregationally sponsored uses and the parking available
10 to support such uses during the hosting, except for limitations that
11 are in accord with the following criteria that would govern if
12 enacted by local ordinance or memorandum of understanding between the
13 host religious organization and the jurisdiction:

14 (i) No less than one space may be devoted to safe parking per ten
15 on-site parking spaces;

16 (ii) Restroom access must be provided either within the buildings
17 on the property or through use of portable facilities, with the
18 provision for proper disposal of waste if recreational vehicles are
19 hosted;

20 (h) Limits a religious organization's availability to host an
21 indoor overnight shelter in spaces with at least two accessible exits
22 due to lack of sprinklers or other fire-related concerns. The host
23 religious organization and city or town may enter into a memorandum
24 of understanding to include local fire district inspections, an
25 outline for appropriate emergency procedures, a determination of the
26 most viable means to evacuate occupants from inside the host site
27 with appropriate illuminated exit signage, panic bar exit doors, and
28 a completed fire watch agreement indicating:

29 (i) Posted safe means of egress;

30 (ii) Operable smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors as
31 necessary, and fire extinguishers;

32 (iii) A plan for monitors who spend the night awake and are
33 familiar with emergency protocols, who have suitable communication
34 devices, and who know how to contact the local fire department; or

35 (i) Limits a religious organization's ability to host temporary
36 small houses on land owned or controlled by the religious
37 organization, except for recommendations that are in accord with the
38 following criteria:

1 (i) A renewable one-year duration agreed to by the host religious
2 organization and local jurisdiction via a memorandum of
3 understanding;

4 (ii) Maintaining a maximum unit square footage of one hundred
5 twenty square feet, with units set at least six feet apart;

6 (iii) Electricity and heat, if provided, must be inspected by the
7 local jurisdiction;

8 (iv) Space heaters, if provided, must be approved by the local
9 fire authority;

10 (v) Doors and windows must be included and be lockable, with a
11 recommendation that the managing agency and host religious
12 organization also possess keys;

13 (vi) Each unit must have a fire extinguisher;

14 (vii) Adequate restrooms must be provided, including restrooms
15 solely for families if present, along with handwashing and potable
16 running water to be available if not provided within the individual
17 units, including accommodating black water;

18 (viii) A recommendation for the host religious organization to
19 partner with regional homeless service providers to develop pathways
20 to permanent housing.

21 (3)(a) A city or town may enact an ordinance or regulation or
22 take any other action that requires a host religious organization and
23 a distinct managing agency using the religious organization's
24 property, owned or controlled by the religious organization, for
25 hostings to include outdoor encampments, temporary small houses on
26 site, indoor overnight shelters, or vehicle resident safe parking to
27 enter into a memorandum of understanding to protect the public health
28 and safety of both the residents of the particular hosting and the
29 residents of the city or town.

30 (b) At a minimum, the agreement must include information
31 regarding: The right of a resident in an outdoor encampment, vehicle
32 resident safe parking, temporary small house on site, or indoor
33 overnight shelter to seek public health and safety assistance, the
34 resident's ability to access social services on site, and the
35 resident's ability to directly interact with the host religious
36 organization, including the ability to express any concerns regarding
37 the managing agency to the religious organization; a written code of
38 conduct agreed to by the managing agency, if any, host religious
39 organization, and all volunteers working with residents of the
40 outdoor encampment, temporary small house on site, indoor overnight

1 shelter, or vehicle resident safe parking; and when a publicly funded
2 managing agency exists, the ability for the host religious
3 organization to interact with residents of the outdoor encampment,
4 indoor overnight shelter, temporary small house on site, or vehicle
5 resident safe parking using a release of information.

6 (4) Any host religious organization performing any hosting of an
7 outdoor encampment, vehicle resident safe parking, or indoor
8 overnight shelter, or the host religious organization's managing
9 agency must ensure that the city or town or local law enforcement
10 agency has completed sex offender checks of all adult residents and
11 guests if the hosting is supported by public funding or such checks
12 are included in a memorandum of understanding between the host
13 religious organization and jurisdiction, with the host religious
14 organization retaining the authority to allow such offenders to
15 remain on the property. A host religious organization or host
16 religious organization's managing agency performing any hosting of
17 vehicle resident safe parking must inform vehicle residents how to
18 comply with laws regarding the legal status of vehicles and drivers,
19 and provide a written code of conduct consistent with area standards.

20 (5) Any host religious organization performing any hosting of an
21 outdoor encampment, vehicle resident safe parking, temporary small
22 house on site, or indoor overnight shelter, with a publicly funded
23 managing agency, must work with the city or town to utilize
24 Washington's homeless client management information system, as
25 provided for in RCW 43.185C.180. When the religious organization does
26 not partner with a managing agency, the religious organization is
27 encouraged to partner with a local homeless services provider using
28 the Washington homeless client managing information system. Any
29 managing agency receiving any funding from local continuum of care
30 programs must utilize the homeless client management information
31 system. Temporary, overnight, extreme weather shelter provided in
32 religious organization buildings does not need to meet this
33 requirement.

34 (6) For the purposes of this section((7)):

35 (a) "Managing agency" means an organization such as a religious
36 organization or other organized entity that has the capacity to
37 organize and manage a homeless outdoor encampment, temporary small
38 houses on-site, indoor overnight shelter, and a vehicle resident safe
39 parking program.

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2 encampment, or both.

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9 employee, or public agency as defined in RCW 4.24.470 is immune from
10 civil liability for (a) damages arising from the permitting decisions
11 for a temporary encampment for the homeless as provided in this
12 section and (b) any conduct or unlawful activity that may occur as a
13 result of the temporary encampment for the homeless as provided in
14 this section.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35A.21.360 and 2010 c 175 s 4 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) A religious organization may host ~~((temporary encampments~~
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19 organization whether within buildings located on the property or
20 elsewhere on the property outside of buildings.

21 (2) A code city may not enact an ordinance or regulation or take
22 any other action that:

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24 public health and safety and that do not substantially burden the
25 decisions or actions of a religious organization regarding the
26 location of housing or shelter, such as an outdoor encampment, indoor
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19 this section.

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