



City of John Day Camping Survey

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bills 3115 and 3124, which impose requirements on local governments' regulations around prohibited camping. The City must review and potentially update its existing regulations to comply with new State laws that provide protections for people experiencing homelessness.

Generally, the laws stipulate that individuals cannot be punished for sleeping outside on public property in the absence of adequate alternatives, but the City can impose "reasonable time, place and manner" restrictions on the regulated activities in public spaces. To create those restrictions, the City is required to obtain input from all affected parties. In 2024 the US Supreme Court ruled Cities may enforce laws related to homelessness on public property. However, State laws still require cities to accommodate the unhoused ability to "sleep or sit" on public property.

The City is seeking that input through this survey. We ask for your participation and appreciate your time and effort to fill out the survey.

#1. What is your relationship to the City of John Day? (i.e.; live, work, operate a business, do business)

#2. Do you believe homelessness is a problem in the City of John Day?

YES NO NOT SURE

#3. Do you know someone who has experienced homelessness?

YES NO NOT SURE

#4. Are you currently experiencing homelessness?

#5. How concerned are you about people camping on public property in the City of John Day?

Not at all A little concerned Fairly concerned Very concerned

Downtown

City Parks

Remaining City

#6. Which of the following factors should the City of John Day consider when evaluating potential locations to allow overnight camping? (circle corresponding statement)

Parking Impacts:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Impacts to low-income residents:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Proximity to Schools/childcare facilities;	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Proximity to environmentally sensitive areas:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Sanitary considerations:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Proximity to commercial areas:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Proximity to pedestrian areas:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Public safety:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree

#7. With #1 being most important, which factors should receive the most consideration for an overnight camping policy? (number 1-7 in order of importance)

- Hours during which camping is allowed:
- Compatibility with nearby uses:
- Environmental impacts:
- Proximity to services:
- Duration of stay:
- Access to public parking lots:
- Access to buildings and sidewalks:

#7. How do you feel about camping on PUBLIC Property in the City of John Day?

Residential Zones: Support Somewhat Support Neutral Somewhat Oppose Oppose

Non-Residential Zones: Support Somewhat Support Neutral Somewhat Oppose Oppose

#8. How do you feel about camping on public property in the City of John Day being restricted to between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.?

Strongly Approve Approve Neutral Disapprove Strongly Disapprove

#9. With #1 **being the best alternative**, rank each location's suitability as a space to allow overnight camping (as required by Oregon laws) in the City of John Day:

Undeveloped Land:

Parks and Trails:

Industrial Areas:

Rights of Way/Streets:

City/Government owned Property:

Downtown:

Residential Areas:

Parking Lots: