In a February 20, 2014 memorandum, the City Council provided policy direction for the Planning Commission work on regulations for temporary homeless encampments. The encampment regulations were the subject of three Planning Commission meetings, including a public hearing where the Commission heard from 16 citizens. In addition, the Commission received 123 written comments during the public comment period including a petition with approximately 500 electronic signatures, 130 written signatures, and 83 attached comments. After careful consideration, the Planning Commission’s recommended code provisions were presented to the City Council on May 13, 2014. The City Council held a public hearing on June 3rd where they heard from 31 residents and received 33 written comments. The public hearing was continued to July 1st.

At the July 1st meeting, the City Council will complete the public hearing and deliberations on the proposed regulations. As a reminder, the moratorium on permitting temporary homeless encampments in Sammamish ends on July 14th.

The following additional information is provided to assist in preparation for the Council’s deliberations:

- Revised ordinance based on June 3rd Council direction
- City Council Topic/Question table – Updated
- Homeless Encampment Areas Study Map

The City Council Topic/Question table has been updated to note those changes to the draft ordinance that the City Council requested at the June 3rd meeting. These have been placed in the “Staff Comment/Council Direction” column in bold type. In addition, the draft ordinance has been updated to reflect these changes.

The Homeless Encampment Areas Study Map was produced in response to a Council request for information related to potential locations for host sites and their proximity to each other.

Note that the City Council Public Comment tab on the Homeless Encampment Code Development Process web site has been updated to include the additional public comments received. This information can be found by following the link:


I hope this information is helpful, please let me know if you have questions.