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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to immediately implement Citywide RV Permit Parking.

As the Council begins whatever program it supports to transition Morris Street into timed parking, many RV dwellers will choose not accept the services, shelter and opportunities being offered.

If there are no parking restrictions put into place, we will have RV encampments throughout Sebastopol. Below is a photo of South Palm Avenue, taken 11/23/21, where an encampment has formed.

Currently, anyone can pull into Sebastopol and live in their RV on public streets without any limits except for moving their vehicles every 72 hours. This means someone could live for months or years in front of your house or your neighbor's house, even though it is not zoned for RV or car camping, by simply rolling their tires forward a few inches.

Sebastopol's police department and public works department are both underfunded and understaffed. There is no way they would have the capacity to manage multiple RV encampments throughout town.

Sebastopol has an extraordinary amount of homeless beds and services. We do not have any tourist beds in our downtown. We have more transient beds and services in our downtown than Rohnert Park (population 42,000) has in its entire city. We cannot afford any more transient services and beds as our budget is less than \$10,000,000 and declining.

Regardless of how Council proceeds, we need to immediately implement Citywide RV Permit Parking to prevent future encampments around Ives' Park, Willard Libby Park, Covert Lane, 116, Florence, Huntley and other residential neighborhoods. We need to inhibit the growth of the emerging encampment on Palm Avenue South.

Best regards,
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