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Subject: RV parking off Morse Street
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Hi Mary,

It was suggested by Diana Rich that I email you regarding the aforementioned RV situation the City is experiencing on Morse street. First, I would like to say that although most folks who live in Sebastopol I've spoken to are sympathetic to the plight of those who for various reasons find themselves unable or unwilling to find suitable shelter, however most feel it is not the City of Sebastopol's responsibility to accommodate them. That said, it appears the City Council is intent on making accommodations for the Morse street campers etc.... If that is the case I would suggest that those who are receiving an accommodation to park their vehicles on property owned or leased by the City be subject to certain rules and requirements as follows;

- 1.) No drugs or alcohol on property
- 2.) They agree to random drug testing (if required)
- 3.) If they have a job, they continue to work. If they don't work they provide evidence that they are actively looking for a job.
- 4.) They should be required to pay a nominal fee to stay and use the various services
- 5.) They acknowledge that this is a short term solution and they should be looking for a more permanent place to reside.
- 6.) They agree that there will be no illegal parking on City streets within the City of Sebastopol and if they do they will subject themselves to various penalties.
- 7.) Those staying and driving must have a valid California driver's licence and valid registration for the vehicle as well as insurance. (What is the City's liability should an unlicensed driver, vehicle etc... be involved in an accident who is being provided a space to park from the City)

All of these requirements including a timeline should be within a legal document that those using City provided space to park (stay) be signed. After that the City should have a policy that doesn't encourage folks to camp on our streets and takes action to remove violating vehicles. It is very unlikely that what the City is proposing will have a lasting and positive effect for those who are living on Morse street. It will take a national policy and include an approach which addresses the root of the problem and not the symptoms, the fact that the City is making an accommodation for the Morse street campers may alleviate the Morse street camping issue but it won't provide any long term solutions and may serve to encourage others to illegally park on our streets hoping for additional accommodations from the City.

Sincerely,
Michael Bianucci