



City Manager's Office

PUBLIC NOTICE

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To: Persons Encamped in Ohlone Park

From: City of Berkeley

Subject: **Notice of Encampment Closure – Beginning July 3, 2025**

Please be advised that the City of Berkeley is requiring closure of all encampments located in Ohlone Park. You are not permitted to enter or remain within the park when it is closed, or set up a structure with a footprint of 10 square feet or more without a permit. **You are hereby ordered to vacate the park and remove all personal belongings by or before the Compliance Deadline of July 3, 2025.**

The City prefers not to cite or arrest in order to gain your compliance with this notice. However, absent voluntary compliance, any person found to be encamped in the park after the Compliance Deadline of July 3 may be subject to citations and/or arrest.

PROPERTY STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL

During the course of the operation, the City will be removing debris and belongings to ensure compliance with Park Rules. The City can temporarily store a limited amount of certain types of personal property up to 90 days, depending on value. Personal property left unattended may be collected and stored pursuant to the City's policy, if it meets certain requirements, described in more detail below:

- 1. Personal property that *may* be stored up to 90 days** includes property of a personal nature such as identification; photos/photo albums; tents, sleeping bags, bedding (which is deemed to be in serviceable condition); luggage, backpacks, purses; clothing; documents (together in a packet bound or secured in some way); jewelry; medication; eyewear; electronic equipment; tools; bicycles and other non-motorized methods of transportation which are in working order.
- 2. Items that will not be stored and are subject to disposal if left on public property at the time of the closure include but are not limited to:** soiled or moldy items; loose or scattered papers; wet or damp clothing, bedding or sleeping bags; perishable food or personal products; personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes or hairbrushes; bike carcasses and parts; mattresses, futons, furniture; shopping carts (items easily identified as personal belongings and meeting the criteria for storage may be stored); broken or disassembled items or items stripped of parts; weapons; items that attract rodents or insects (containers for recycling or food storage); hazardous or explosive items such as gasoline cans, propane tanks, batteries.

Individuals who wish to reclaim their stored property may make an appointment to retrieve it. To do so, please call "311" to contact the City's Customer Service Center during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM), or call (510) 981-2489 or (510) 981-CITY. Alternatively, information regarding retrieval of

unattended and stored property is available in the lobby of the Berkeley Civic Center, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, during regular business hours.

DISABILITIES AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

You have the right under the Americans with Disabilities Act to request a reasonable accommodation (i.e., a modification of standard City policy, procedure, and/or practice) if your disability prevents you from complying with this notice. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator (email: ada@berkeleyca.gov, phone: 510-981-6418, TTY/TDD: 510-981-6347, and street address: 1947 Center St., 4th Floor, Berkeley 94704). The City may request verification from a qualified professional that your disability impedes compliance with the terms of this notice. The City will work with you to identify a mutually agreeable accommodation based on your needs and the goals of this notice but may determine that the requested accommodation cannot be provided if it would fundamentally alter the nature of a City service or is an unreasonable accommodation. **Please make any accommodation requests as soon as possible so there is enough time to discuss possible solutions. In order to ensure enough time for the City to discuss solutions with you, you are encouraged to submit your request no later than July 2, 2025.**

VIOLATION OF PARK RULES

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code 6.32.030 and rules promulgated thereunder, it is unlawful to “set up, place, or install any structure or large object in the outdoor area of a City park without a City-issued permit. A structure or large object, as used in this Administrative Rule, is any object with a footprint or coverage area of 10 square feet (i.e. 3.3 feet by 3.3 feet or more)” It is also unlawful to “leave or store any unattended personal property in the outdoor area of a City park, regardless of the size.”

You are further notified that pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code 6.32.020, it is unlawful to “enter upon or otherwise remain within City parks, or portions thereof” when the park is closed. Ohlone Park is closed between the hours of ten p.m. and six a.m.

LODGING WITHOUT PERMISSION PROHIBITED

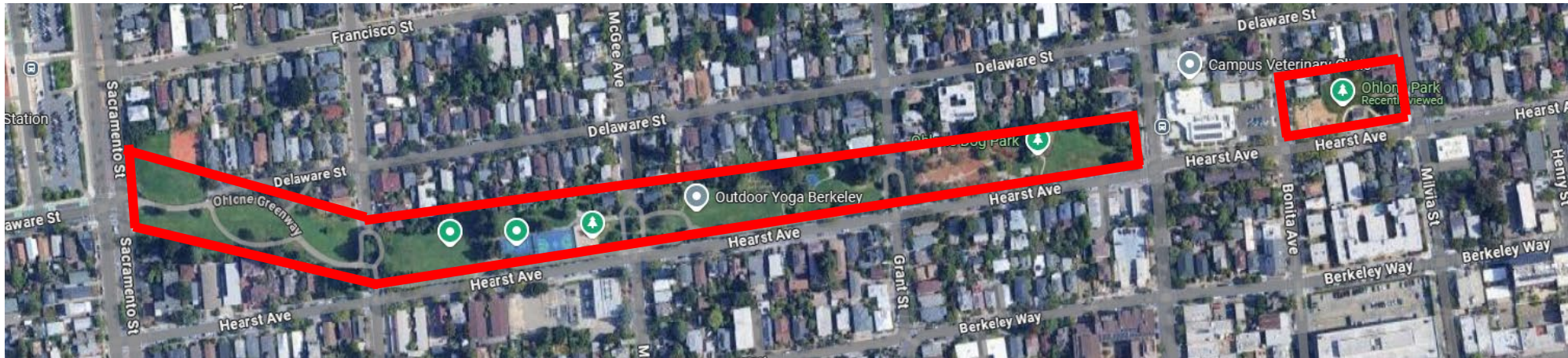
You are further notified that pursuant to California Penal Code Section 647(e), it is unlawful for anyone “[lodge] in a building, structure, vehicle, or place, whether public or private, without the permission of the owner or person entitled to the possession or in control of it.”

Lodging in Ohlone Park while the park is closed is prohibited.

ATTACHMENT 1:

ENCAMPMENT CLOSURE AREA

All individuals, tents/dwelling structures, and personal belongings must be vacated from the following areas (all of Ohlone Park) outlined in **RED** below by or before the compliance deadline of July 3, 2025.



ATTACHMENT 2

The City of Berkeley's primary goal is to end unsheltered homelessness by connecting those living in this encampment to interim and permanent housing.

Interim Housing

The City has a limited number of shelter beds available. Those interested in shelter can:

- Talk to a member of the Homeless Response Team (HRT) at any point during their regular outreach to this encampment.
- Call **211** or 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) for services, shelter and housing information. 211 Alameda County is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Visit in person:
 - North County Housing Resource Center (homeless adults only):
 - **Bay Area Community Services**
In person drop-in hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Call-in hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Address: 2809 Telegraph Avenue Suite 202, Berkeley, CA 94705
(510) 495-0131
 - North County Housing Resource Center (homeless families only):
 - **Women's Daytime Drop-in Center**
Food and hygiene services: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
All other services: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Address: 2218 Acton Street, Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 548-2884

Permanent Housing

By Federal regulation, the City of Berkeley does not control access/referrals to permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness, even for those housing programs located within the City. Alameda County, through its Coordinated Entry process, oversees these referrals. However, the Homeless Response Team can assess people for eligibility and help connect anyone interested.

During the Coordinated Entry assessment, the HRT will ask you about your:

- History of homelessness
- Barriers to housing (prior evictions, length of time since last lease)
- Disability and vulnerability

Providing full and honest answers will help ensure you are matched to the most appropriate services for your needs.

Anyone interested in a Coordinated Entry Assessment should:

- Talk to a member of the Homeless Response Team (HRT) at any point during their regular outreach to this encampment.
- Email homelessresponseteam@berkeleyca.gov to request a housing assessment. Please provide a phone number and/or a location and date/time the team can use to locate you.