



RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CAMPING ORDINANCE

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RMC 9.04.600

(A) Unless otherwise permitted by law or permit, it is unlawful for any person to camp, use camp facilities, or use camp paraphernalia in or on any public park, street, sidewalk, or other public property.



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ENFORCEMENT OF CAMPING ORDINANCE

When a person experiencing homelessness is camping in the public right of way:

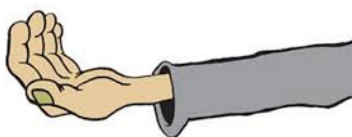
- A Riverside Police Department officer or the Public Safety Engagement Team engages with this person, usually several times, prior to citation.
- If shelter is available at the local shelters, they are offered a space.



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RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING ORDINANCE



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PANHANDLING AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Must regulate conduct, not content, of speech

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or **abridging the freedom of speech**, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.



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RMC 9.04.010

(D) *Aggressive solicitation prohibited.* No person shall solicit, ask, or beg in an aggressive manner in any public place.

- (a) Fear of bodily harm to self, another, or damage to property
- (b) Intentional touching or physical contact
- (c) Intentional blocking or interfering with safe and free passage
- (d) Violent or threatening gestures
- (e) Persisting in closely following a person
- (f) Profane, offensive, or abusive language



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(E) *All solicitation at specified locations.*

- Banks and ATMs
- Parking lots after dark
- Public transportation
- Gas stations
- Driveways
- Dining establishments



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OTHER PANHANDLING STATUTES

Penal Code 647(c): Aggressive Panhandling

Every person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor....

(c) Who accosts other persons in any public place or in any place open to the public for the purpose of begging or soliciting alms.



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QUESTIONS?



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