

Four white houses with red roofs of increasing size are arranged in a row on a wooden surface. The houses are stylized, with simple geometric shapes. The text is overlaid on the image, positioned in the lower-left quadrant.

FY 25 New Budget Requests: MMC 12.60 (Urban Camping) Implementation

MMC 12.60 - Urban Camping Ordinance

Missoula, Montana's new urban camping ordinance, which took effect on July 25, 2024, allows for camping on public property with the following restrictions:

Buffer zones

- Sheltering outdoors is prohibited within 100 feet of homes and businesses, 300 feet of schools, shelters, and safe parking sites, 50 feet of named rivers and creeks, 10 feet of trails and bike lanes, and 100 feet of most park features. Camping is also not allowed in areas temporarily or permanently signed as no camping due to environmental or public health and safety concerns.

Time restrictions

- Camping is only permitted between 8 PM and 8 AM, and campers must clear out by 8 AM each day.

Vehicle Sheltering Permits

- A permit is required to shelter in a vehicle and program regulations must be followed. Those sheltering in vehicles shall not be adjacent to or across from a home, school or daycare, or boundary of a public park, be within 100 feet from a business, be within 300 feet of a shelter facility, be in violation of any posted parking signs or painted curbs, or be in a bike lane, median, sidewalk, or public pathway or trail.
- Unpermitted vehicles used for sheltering must move to a different street every 120 hours.

Additionally, the Mayor was directed to develop a program to provide lockers or small storage spaces for assignment to individuals, trash collection services, permanent or temporary bathrooms for use and other similar services to allow clean, safe and sanitary camping.

Sheltering In Parks per MMC 12.60 and related Resolution

Ongoing:

• Staffing (Labor ¾ FTE & Safety Coord ¼ FTE)	\$72,848
• Cleaning, restocking, trimming, irrigation, turf, education	
• Supplies/Materials	\$70,017
• Waste and Sharps containers, plus portalet resupply, replace, repairs, signs and education materials	
• Professional Services	\$126,000
• Contract installation and then servicing/rental for up to 8 comfort/waste stations, sharps removal, plus irrigation/general park rotation and repairs	

One Time:

• Initial install of comfort/waste stations	<u>\$30,000</u>
	\$298,865

Vehicle Sheltering Permit Program per MMC 12.60 and related Resolution

Ongoing:

• Staffing (2 Compliance FTE)	\$152,397
• Education, permitting, compliance, enforcement, clean-up	
• Supplies/Materials	\$11,400
• PPE, safety, fuel, and office	
• Professional Services	\$72,800
• Contract for clean-up assistance, garbage, towing	

One Time:

• Technology, Fleet Vehicles	\$107,000
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	\$343,597

Budget Comparison

FY24 Encampment Request

\$359,626

- Code Compliance FTE
- Safety Coordinator
- OT and Hazard Pay
- Operating Supplies
- Garbage and Towing
- Limited Contracted Services

FY25 New Requests

\$642,462

- Vehicle Sheltering Program FTEs
- Expanded Maintenance and Safety FTEs
- Supplies and Materials (Comfort Stations)
- Expanded Contracted Services

Total Costs

\$1,002,088