



202402557

**Jeff Cramerding**  
Councilmember

12/10/2024

## Motion

WE MOVE that the administration provide a report on homeless encampments in Cincinnati. The report should include the following:

- 1) Gaps in the current shelter or housing systems that would provide viable alternatives to encampments and identification of city or county resources that would help eliminate the obstacles to fill these gaps
- 2) Data regarding the rate of homeless encampments in the city and other relevant information that the administration has gathered
- 3) Proposals to further discourage encampments in parks, recreation sites, and other public spaces to ensure that these spaces can be utilized by all City residents
- 4) Identification of any additional resources necessary to curtail homeless encampments, including additional resources to ARC (Alternative Response to Crises) teams or the Cincinnati Police Department, potentially reinstating the Cincinnati Parks Police Department (reorganized into the Cincinnati Police Department in the late eighties), or instating a Parks Ranger program.

## Background

Homeless encampments are a reality that the City of Cincinnati has encountered for many years. In an attempt to keep public spaces safe and accessible for our residents while also showing compassion and a desire to assist those experiencing homelessness, we are asking the administration to provide a report on actions that can be taken to curb homeless encampments. It is the hope that the people living in these encampments can be moved to a better situation that is safer for both them and parkgoers. With this goal in mind, it is important to know what the current gaps in our system are and possible funding or policy that Council can act on as well as identifying any partners that the city should collaborate with, including Hamilton County.

JEFF CRAMERDING

Councilmember Jeff Cramerding

Alissa Jeffrey

Heidi J. Owens

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CAL