

# Our Neighbors and Our Shared Spaces Community Conversation

CITY OF MCKINNEY AUGUST 13, 2025

## Agenda



## Understanding the Issue

#### Types of Homelessness

#### **Situational Homelessness Chronic Homelessness Episodic Homelessness** • Individuals that experience • Individuals that experience • Individuals that experience homelessness due to a crisis or multiple episodes of homelessness for a prolonged and homelessness for a short time unforeseen circumstance continuous period due to their due to a variety of triggers inability to reconnect to their communities NON-MARKET MARKET TRANSITIONAL **SUPPORTIVE** SUBSIDIZED **EMERGENCY SHELTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING** HOUSING HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Sources: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and United Way

## Areas of Support

Financial Support

**Health Care** 

**Mental Health** 

**Legal Counseling** 

Education/ Employment Children and Youth

Women's Support

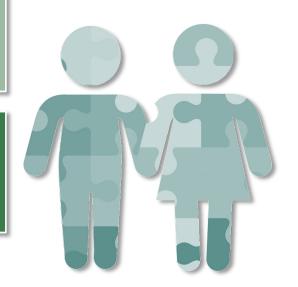
**Family Support** 

Food

Clothing

**Transportation** 

Housing



## Homelessness Through Different Lenses

I am looking for ways to get myself out of homelessness

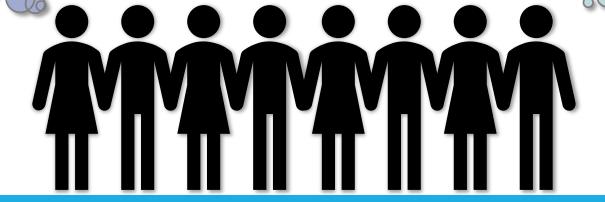
We want to support those in need

We are trying to balance the needs of all our constituents, housed and unhoused

I want to be left alone and don't want to bother others

The homeless makes my patrons feel uncomfortable

Homeless
individuals in my
neighborhood make
me feel
uncomfortable



## Challenges/Opportunities

#### Availability of Affordable Housing

 Opportunity to identify partners and projects that can expand affordable housing options

#### Welfare of Our Unhoused Residents

 Opportunity to see what programs and services would best serve their needs

#### Accessibility of Existing Services/Programs

- Opportunity to explore suitable locations that are easily accessible and centrally located
- Opportunity to explore partnerships to make a greater impact
- Opportunity to educate other stakeholders about available programs/services

#### Real and Perceived Safety Concerns

- Opportunity to understand our homeless population
- Opportunity to understand what city departments are doing

#### **Loitering/Panhandling**

- Opportunity to outreach to individuals in need of services/programs
- Opportunity to understand more effective ways to give
- Opportunity to redirect individuals

We are not able to eliminate homelessness, but we can mitigate some of the impacts for individuals and the community

# Current Efforts and Available Services

## City Services/Programs

# Housing and Community Development Department:

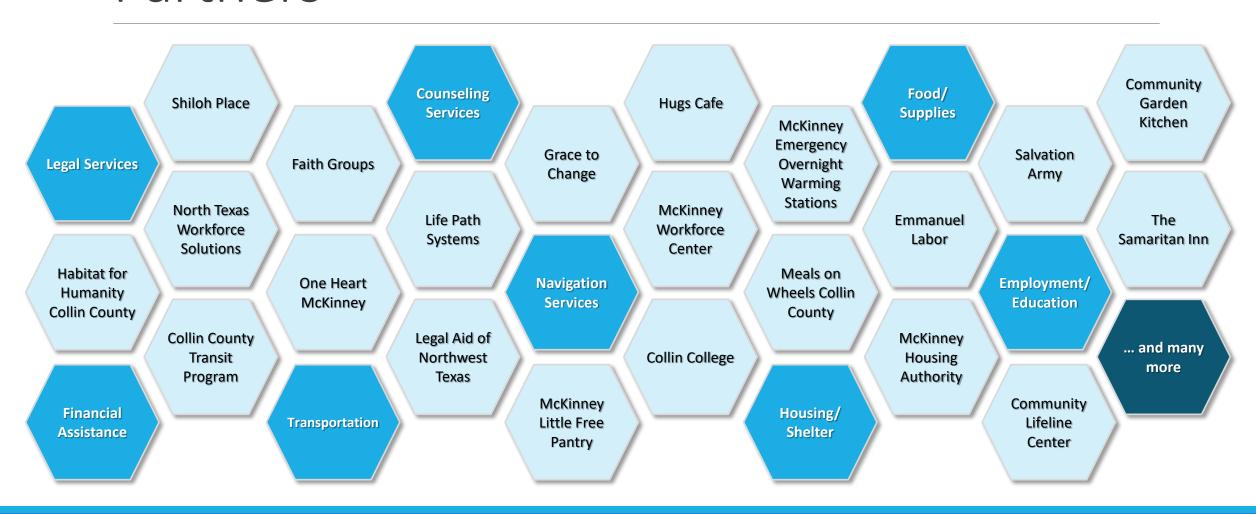
Provides funding for service providers

Facilitates coordination and partnerships between the city, non-profits, and faith organizations

Provides limited rental and utility assistance for qualified residents

Assists with property repairs/rehabilitations for qualified residents

# Service Providers and Community Partners



## City Services/Programs

#### **Code Services Department:**

Addresses code violations on private properties

Garbage

- Vegetation
- Outside Storage
   Open/Vacant Structures

#### Enforcement process and tools

- Education
- Citation

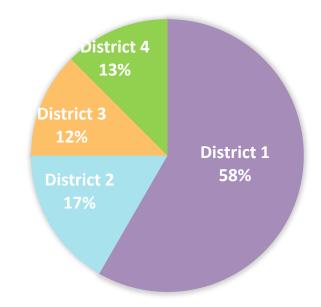
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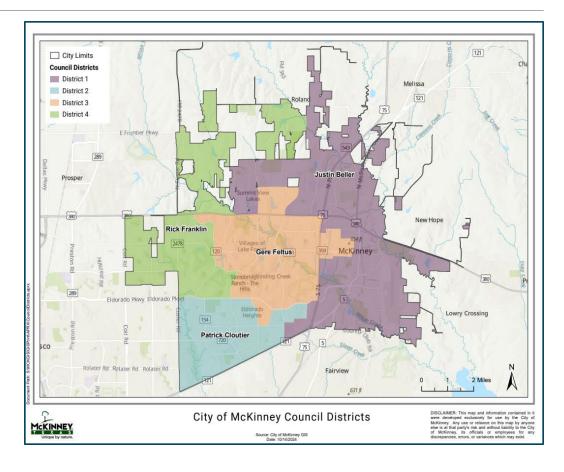
#### Collaborates with internal and external partners

- Public Works
- Police
- Community Service Providers
- ◆ Housing & Community Development
   ◆ Parks & Recreation

## Code Compliance Data

### CODE CASES INVOLVING HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS





## City Services/Programs

#### Police **Department:**

Addresses criminal activities and enforcement

- ComplianceClass "C" Affidavit
- Citations
- Criminal Trespass Warning (CTW)

#### Presence

- 10 NPOs east of US 75 Patrol Beat Officer 24/7
- 2 NPOs dedicated to downtown (consistent figures)
- NPO coverage Fri/Sat nights
   Weekend Bar Patrol (as call load allows)

Provides street outreach to the homeless through the Community Services Unit

- ◆ Lifepath
   ◆ Collin Springs
   ◆ Collin County Sheriff's Office/Courts
- Metro Relief
   Grace to Change
   Samaritan Inn

## **Enforcement Options**

#### CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING (CTW)

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas or

Certified Peace Officer (Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 602.002(15)

# Anticipated Ordinance Changes

## Camping (Citywide)

- Clarifies that camping is not just prohibited in park areas, but any publicly accessible outdoor area;
- Expands definition of "camping" to include staying/sleeping in vehicle overnight (between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.);
- Only exception is for camping on own property; and
- Makes it an offense for a property owner to knowingly allow another to camp within a public area on their property.

#### What does this mean:

You <u>can</u> camp in designated camping areas in parks (Erwin Park)

You <u>cannot</u> camp on any public spaces citywide

You <u>can</u> camp on your own private property

You <u>cannot</u> allow others to camp on a public area of your property

## Aggressive Panhandling (Citywide)

- Makes it unlawful to panhandle or solicit in an aggressive manner, including:
  - Using violent or threatening gestures;
  - Intentionally blocking or interfering with the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles; and
  - Soliciting money from a person in line for:
    - (i) tickets,
    - (ii) entry into a building, or
    - (iii) any other purpose.

#### What does this mean:

You <u>cannot</u> block individuals

You <u>cannot</u> be violent or aggressive towards another individual

You <u>can</u> provide financial assistance to those in need\*

<sup>\*</sup> recommended to give to service providers, faith groups, or non-profits organizations

## Sitting/Lying Down (downtown only)

- Makes it unlawful to sit or lie down on a public sidewalk, street, or alleyway within the downtown area;
- A person is only allowed to sit on a chair or bench supplied by a public agency or abutting private property owner;
- Limited exceptions, including for medical emergencies and ADA compliance.

#### What does this mean:

You <u>cannot</u> sit or lie down in the public right of way (i.e., sidewalks, streets, etc.) in the downtown

You <u>can</u> enjoy sitting in public parks

## Next Steps

### Stay Engaged

#### City Council Work Session – Anticipated Ordinance Changes

• August 19, 2025, at 3:00 PM

- Collin County Homeless Coalition (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM at the St. Marks Church in Plano)
- McKinney Homeless Coalition
   (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 11:30 AM at First McKinney Baptist Church)
- Faith Forward Initiative (September 10,2025 at 10:00 AM at McKinney City Hall)



• Fall 2025

## Discussion

## Public Input

#### PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO PARTICIPATE ON YOUR PHONE VIA SLIDO:



Comment cards are also available.



#### What perspective(s) do you represent?





Which do we need more of to address the impacts of our unhoused community: services/programs/resources or enforcement associated?





# What types of services, programs, or resources do we need more of?





#### **Citywide Camping Ordinance**





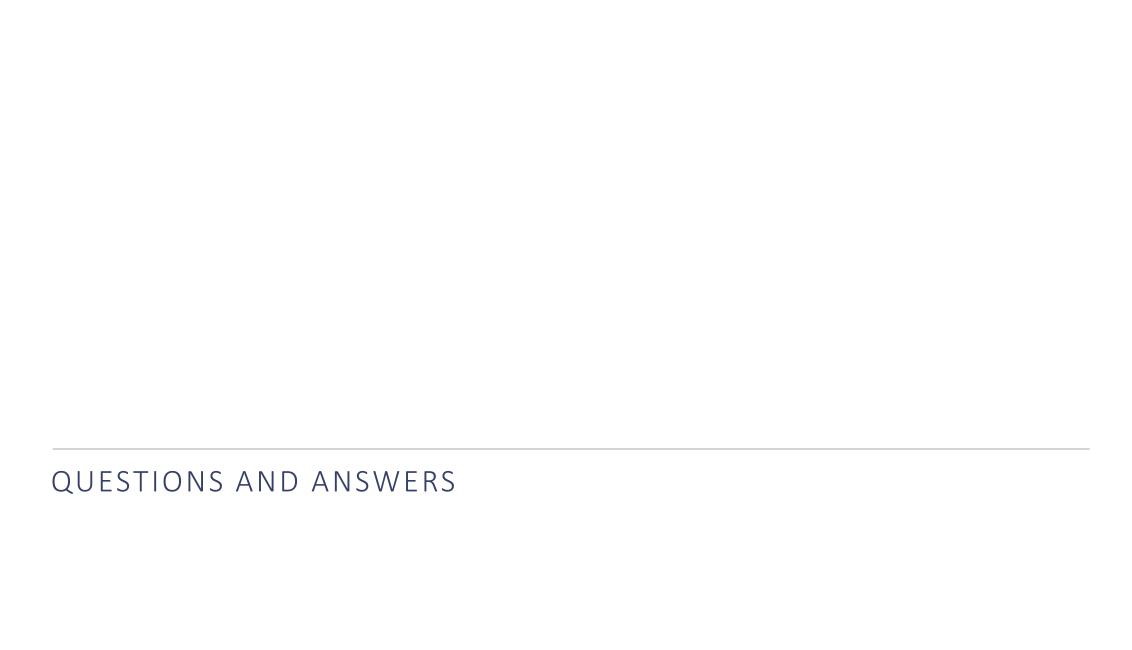
# **Citywide Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance**





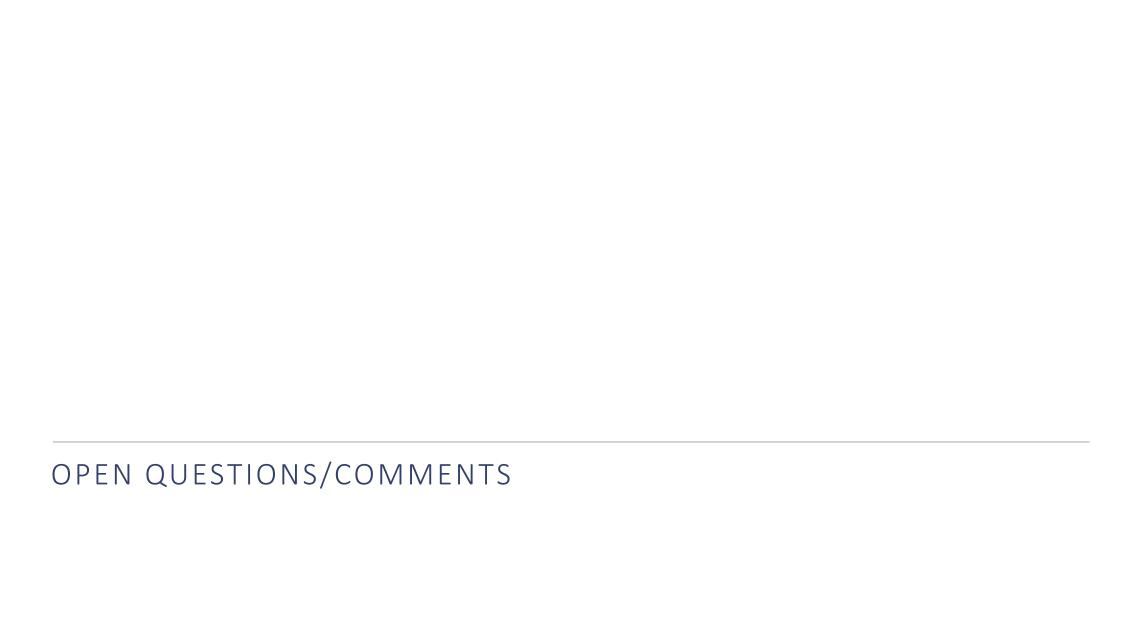
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#### Online Submitted Questions

- 1. Why are people allowed to live on the streets or under the underpasses?
- 2. What is being done and how can we get the homeless off the streets so residents can feel safe?
- 3. How can we keep them out of the new library (public facilities)?
- 4. How are we addressing the needs of the unsheltered community while Hall Library is being renovated?
- 5. Can we rezone so the methadone clinic cannot be in McKinney?
- 6. Why is the city not inspecting homes that receive vouchers and reviewing tenant qualifications?
- 7. Can we establish a local public transit bus system to support transportation needs?
- 8. How do we prevent the Lower 5 Plaza from attracting the unhoused?
- 9. Where are people without homes living now?



# Thank you for your participation!