



Office of the Mayor
City of Seattle
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Executive Order: 06-08
Encampments

An Executive Order directing departments to follow specific procedures in the event of unauthorized encampments on City property.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of the general public and individual community members in our City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has endorsed the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and is committed to its goal of ending homelessness, and has directed large investments of City time and resources toward that end; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City of Seattle allocated more than \$41 million (a combination of City General Funds, federal and state funding, and other sources) toward ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, living in unauthorized encampments on greenbelts and on other public property exposes individuals to serious health risks by exposing individuals to severe climate conditions, unsanitary hygiene conditions, and the accumulation of garbage and human and animal waste; and

WHEREAS, living in unauthorized encampments on greenbelts and on other public property may expose individuals to serious safety risks because of the presence of unlawful weapons, violent crimes, unlawful drug activity, and uncontrolled fires; and

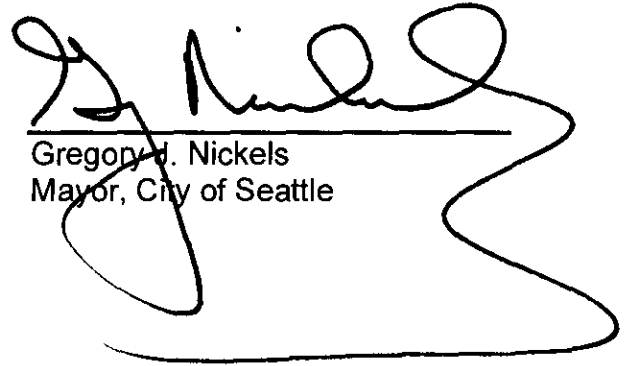
WHEREAS, the unsanitary conditions in unauthorized encampments also threatens the safety and health of City of Seattle employees and other community members; and

WHEREAS, occupants of unauthorized encampments may want and benefit from assistance with social services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Seattle Mayor, do hereby direct the relevant City Departments to abide by the attached procedures.

Inquiries regarding this Executive Order should be directed to Regina LaBelle at (206) 684-4000.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2008



Gregory J. Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle