

Appendix D: Scofflaw Mitigation Tool Kit

The Scofflaw Mitigation Project (SMP) engages and assists (indigent) VRs to avoid the unintended consequences of losing their vehicle homes as result of their inability to comply with city parking laws, e.g. Seattle Scofflaw Ordinance. The SMP works to mitigate these harms. Following are tools which have been or could be used if available for that purpose.

Tools requiring further discussion and possible legislative action to implement:

1. Modify Scofflaw Ordinance to allow for indigency/inability to pay.
2. Visible Tags enabling VRs to park on designated streets in designated areas without fear of being ticketed.
3. Safety Lots providing off-street parking, access to a bathroom/portable toilet and trash pickup. These will enable VRs the safety and stability to be able to focus on future plans.
4. Provide non-hazardous methods of liquid waste removal for R.V.'s.

Tools requiring public or private funding:

1. Payment of tickets beyond what the VR is able to do for themselves (will require private funding or amnesty as fines cannot be paid with City \$\$)
2. Vehicle repair so vehicle can be moved (includes battery replacement or jump start)
3. Vehicle repair necessary to be eligible to apply for Road to Housing or its replacement
4. Vehicle repair necessary for safety (fix broken windows, locks, lights)
5. License tab renewal
6. Auto insurance
7. Driver's license renewal
8. Fuel (necessary to avoid ticketing, to get to appointments/work where bus is not practical, and/or to heat the vehicle during cold weather)
9. Bus tickets/reduced fare ORCA card
10. Phone and/or phone minutes (necessary to communicate with service providers, etc.)
11. Food cards where food bank not accessible
12. Trash pickup/dumpster

Trained outreach worker:

1. Able to do intake for Coordinated Entry and/or Road to Housing or similar program
2. Able to screen and refer to a Safety Lot (assumes lots are available)
3. Able to refer to social services
4. Able to refer to a volunteer advocate for assistance in accessing services if requested (e.g. accompany to Court for tickets, magistrate hearing, financial counseling; or to social service agencies, healthcare appointments, job interviews)

Volunteer advocate pool:

1. Retired social worker or someone who has taken companioning/advocate training
2. Have vehicle and can transport VR if needed to access services, healthcare appointments, etc.
3. Have a cell phone (maintain contact with VR, make social service appointments if needed)
4. Able to accompany VR if requested where advocacy may be needed

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