

# City of Beaverton

## Safe Parking Pilot Program

### Host Site 101

Providing a safe, legal place to park helps people experiencing homelessness and living out of their vehicles find stability, services, and housing. Host sites contribute to bettering the lives of our community members in need and responding to the issue of homelessness in Beaverton, strengthening our neighborhoods.

### What is required to be a host site?

- Space for three vehicles to park
- Space for one porta-potty and handwashing station
- Space for a small storage unit (approximately ½ parking space)
- Trash removal services
- Building attachment (not just an empty parking lot): faith-based organization, public agency, nonprofit, or business

### How much does it cost to be a host site?

Nothing! The City of Beaverton pays for the placement and service of an onsite porta-potty, handwashing station, and small storage unit for guests. Garbage service already in place is enough for guests staying onsite and should not increase costs.

### What are the host site's duties?

- Provide space for the vehicles and services listed above
- Work with Just Compassion of East Washington County, which will manage intake, placement, case management, and enforcement of guidelines for the program
- Sign host agreements with guests staying onsite
- Dedicate a contact person who will communicate with the Safe Parking Program Manager

### What else could a host site offer?

- Access to electricity, wireless internet, and/or water
- Access to site facilities such as kitchen, shower, etc.
- Access to other social services provided by host (i.e. food pantry, hot meals, clothing closet)
- Accessible to public transportation
- Activities that give residents a way to give back to the site (gardening, cleaning, yard work, etc.)

## Okay, I'm in! What do I need to do next?

1. Contact the Community Services Program and meet with staff
2. Identify the area of the parking lot you would dedicate for safe parking, with the following considerations:
  - a. Privacy for guests (not easily visible from street, some separation from nearby neighbors by fencing or landscape if possible)
  - b. Safety for guests (not in the middle of high traffic areas of the lot that are heavily used)
  - c. General use of lot (area that might be quieter, aren't used regularly by visitors to the building, easy to access)
3. Neighborhood outreach is conducted by City of Beaverton and Just Compassion of East Washington County, who will:
  - a. Notify the Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) for your site
  - b. Mail a notice to neighbors close to the property line
  - c. Identify other impacted neighbors/organizations that should be invited in partnership with the host site
  - d. Host a meeting at your location to introduce the program, key staff, and share contacts for follow up questions/concerns
4. Sign host site agreement
5. City will notify the Beaverton Police Department that you are a host site
6. City will have porta-potty, hand washing station, and storage unit delivered to the site
7. Just Compassion will begin working with you to place guests on the site