



Prohibited Camping on Public Property

Research

- *Provo City*
- *Salt Lake City*
- *South Salt Lake City*
- *West Jordan City*
- *Clearfield City*

Purpose

- *Lawful and humane enforcement of ordinance*
- *Priority – protect public safety and health*
- *Treating all individuals with DIGNITY, FAIRNESS, and RESPECT.*
- *Consistent with constitutional rights and directed at conduct, not PERSONAL STATUS.*

Law Enforcement Impact

- *January 2024 increase in homelessness*
- *June 2024 – tracking homelessness calls or contact with those experiencing homelessness*
- *June 2024 – current 135 incidents at or near public property / 37 camping in city parks and/or trails (vehicle, tent, or playgrounds)*



Law Enforcement Response



650 N, I-15

Center & State / Main

Bicentennial Park

Tower Park / Clearfield Station

800 E Antelope (Overpass)

Legal Authority

- *Grants Pass v. Johnson*
- *Martin v. Boise*



“these public-camping regulations are not usually deployed as a front-line response to criminalize homelessness. Instead, they are used to provide [local government] employees with the legal authority to address encampments that pose significant health and safety risks and to encourage their inhabitants to accept other alternatives like shelters, drug treatment programs, and mental-health facilities.”

Training

- *Mental Health Officer*
- *Homeless Liaison*
- *Training department*
- *Resources*
- *Continual assessment of enforcement*