



**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY
AMENDING CHAPTER 1 (“DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ETC.”) OF
ARTICLE IV (“PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS, AND POLICY”) AND
CHAPTER 1 (“PUBLIC PARKS”) OF ARTICLE X (“PARKS,
PLAYGROUNDS, AND RECREATION”) OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL
CODE RELATED TO LOITERING, CAMPING, AND OBSTRUCTIONS OF
PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 2024, the City Council of the City of Downey will consider the adoption of an Ordinance making certain amendments to the Downey Municipal Code related to obstructions of public property, as well as the use of public property for loitering or camping. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance.

In an effort to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare, and to ensure that members of the public are able to enjoy and benefit from public property as designed and intended, the proposed Ordinance prohibits all persons from: (i) camping on public property, inclusive of within parks; (ii) storing or abandoning personal property on public property; and (iii) sitting, sleeping, or lying, or placing, keeping, storing or abandoning items of personal property, in specified locations accessible to the public in such a manner that it creates an obstruction. Appropriate exceptions to these regulations are provided, including actions authorized by permit or applicable law, as well as medical emergencies. The Ordinance also defines various terms including, but not limited to, camp, encampment, public property, store, and abandon.

Note: The above is a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance, it should be read in its entirety. A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, or on the City’s website at www.downeyca.org.

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