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1 **WHEREAS**, Culver City Municipal Code Section 9.10.700, as set forth in
2 this Ordinance, does not prohibit the use of sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, or similar
3 bedding while sleeping on public property.

4 **NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California,
5 **DOES HEREBY ORDAIN** as follows:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Culver City Municipal Code is hereby amended to add
7 Subchapter 9.10.700, Camping in Public Spaces, to Chapter 9.10, as follows
8 (underline denotes addition):
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10 **CAMPING IN PUBLIC SPACES**

11 **§ 9.10.700 CAMPING IN PROHIBITED PUBLIC PLACES.**

12 A. No person shall camp in a prohibited public place.

13 B. No person shall leave or store personal property or camp facilities in a
14 prohibited public place.

15 C. For the purpose of this Section:

16 1. "Camp" means to erect, maintain or occupy a camp facility for the
17 purpose of living accommodations.

18 2. "Camp facility" means the use of, settling, fixing in place, setting
19 up, storing, locating, or leaving behind in a prohibited public place any or a
20 combination of the following: tents, huts, other temporary physical shelters, cots,
21 beds, or hammocks. "Camp facility" does not include sleeping bags, blankets,
22 pillows and/or similar bedding used while sleeping.

23 3. "Prohibited public place" means any of the following:

24 a. a public park as defined in Section 9.10.005;

25 b. public streets, public alleyways, public parking lots, public
26 passageways, public rights-of-way, public sidewalks, publicly-owned
27 landscaped areas, parkways, medians, or greenbelts;

28 c. public educational institutions, including properties owned
by the Culver City Unified School District;

 d. properties owned, leased or operated by other
governmental entities located within the City;

 e. other City-owned, leased or operated properties or
facilities; and

 f. any privately-owned space required to be maintained as
public open space pursuant to a City-issued entitlement or permit.

1 4. “Store” means to put aside or accumulate for use when needed,
2 to put for safekeeping, or to place or leave in a location.

3 D. The City Council may, by resolution, establish one or more specified
4 camping areas. Such camping areas, if any, may be located in prohibited public
5 places, except that such camping areas shall not be located within public parks.

6 **SECTION 2:** Culver City Municipal Code section 9.10.005 is hereby
7 amended to read as follows (underline denotes addition, ~~strike through~~ denotes
8 deletion) as follows:

9 **§ 9.10.005 DEFINITION; MAINTENANCE OF MAP.**

10 A. As used in this Code, a **PUBLIC PARK** is any of the following:

11 1. Any area within the City of Culver City owned, leased or operated
12 by the City as a park, playground, recreation area ~~field~~, ~~civic center~~, pool or bike
13 path, including the parking lot or parking area immediately adjacent thereto;

14 2. The Veteran’s Memorial Complex and Auditorium, Teen Center,
15 and Plunge locker and dressing room facility, and any other buildings or
16 structures within City parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas, including the
17 parking lot or parking area immediately adjacent thereto ~~Any area where public~~
18 ~~buildings or structures are located, including the parking lot or parking area~~
19 ~~immediately adjacent thereto; and~~

20 3. Any area owned or operated by another public agency as a park,
21 playground, recreation ~~field~~ area, pool, ~~civic center~~ or bike path, including the
22 parking lot or parking area immediately adjacent thereto.

23 B. As used in Subsection A., an official action of the City Council to formally
24 dedicate or to officially accept an area for public park purpose is not required.

25 C. The City Engineer shall maintain a map designating **PUBLIC PARKS** in the
26 official records of the City Engineer.

27 **SECTION 3:** Culver City Municipal Code section 9.10.055.E is hereby
28 amended to read as follows (underline denotes addition, ~~strike through~~ denotes
deletion) as follows:

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1 **§ 9.10.055 PROHIBITIONS.**

2 Within the limits of any **PUBLIC PARK** it shall be unlawful for any person:

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5 ~~E. To camp, occupy camp facilities, or use camp paraphernalia; provided,~~
6 ~~however, that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director may issue a~~
7 ~~temporary permit to allow camping in connection with a special event. No person shall~~
8 ~~store personal property, including camp facilities and camp paraphernalia, within any~~
9 ~~public park or upon any public property. For purposes of this Subsection, the following~~
10 ~~definitions shall apply:~~

11 ~~— **CAMP.** To pitch or occupy camp facilities or to use camp paraphernalia;~~

12 ~~— **CAMP FACILITIES.** Include, but are not limited to, tents, huts or temporary~~
13 ~~shelters;~~

14 ~~— **CAMP PARAPHERNALIA.** Includes, but is not limited to, tarpaulins, cots,~~
15 ~~beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, cooking facilities and similar equipment. **CAMP**~~
16 ~~**PARAPHERNALIA** shall not include City-designated cooking facilities or equipment;~~

17 ~~— **STORE.** To put aside or accumulate for use when needed, to put for~~
18 ~~safekeeping, or to place or leave in a location.~~

19 E. To engage in the activities or perform any of the actions prohibited by Section
20 9.10.700 of this Code.

21 **SECTION 4:** Culver City Municipal Code Section 9.10.200.F is hereby
22 amended to read as follows (underline denotes addition) as follows:

23 **§ 9.10.200 PROHIBITIONS.**

24 It shall be unlawful for any person to:

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26 F. Engage in the activities or perform any of the actions prohibited by Section
27 9.10.055 of this Code.

28 **SECTION 5:** Pursuant to City Council motion adopted on January 23,
2023, enforcement of this Ordinance shall be deferred until all of the following have
been completed:

1. Open for occupancy 73 new units of interim and permanent supportive housing, known as Project Homekey, located at 3868 and 3900 Sepulveda Boulevard;
2. Open for occupancy a safe-camping site with supportive services for up to 40 people on a City-owned parking lot at 10555 Virginia Avenue; and
3. Enter into long-term agreements with local motels for additional rooms for temporary housing.

SECTION 6: Pursuant to Section 619 of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Pursuant to Section 616 and 621 of the City Charter, prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days after the adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the Culver City News and shall post this Ordinance or a summary thereof in at least three (3) places within the City.

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1 **SECTION 7:** City Council hereby declares that, if any provision, section,
2 subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance is rendered or
3 declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent
4 jurisdiction or by reason or any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would
5 have independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections,
6 paragraphs, sentences, phrases, or words of this Ordinance, and as such they shall
7 remain in full force and effect.
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9 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2023.
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12 _____
13 Albert Vera, Mayor
14 City of Culver City, California

15 ATTEST:

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

17 _____
18 Jeremy Bocchino
19 City Clerk

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21 Heather S. Baker
22 City Attorney
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