



CLOSING ENCAMPMENTS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA

Partners for HOME believes every resident in the City of Atlanta deserves a safe and stable home. Our Encampment Closure Plan guides community stakeholders on processes and timelines related to compassionately closing encampments.

WHY DO ENCAMPMENTS EXIST?

People reside in encampments when there is a lack of shelter available to meet their needs or they have made a choice to reside in an encampment over available shelter.

WHAT DOES COMPASSIONATE CLOSING MEAN?

Encampment closings can be a traumatic experience for individuals who live within them. In addition to ongoing requests to relocate, closings can cause residents to lose personal belongings such as identification documents and medication, as well as reduce their trust in receiving assistance from outreach team members.

Partners for HOME has adopted a compassionate encampment closing plan to maintain a resident's dignity and trust, while providing clear steps to address concerns from the community.

Encampment Closure Plan

Phase 1: Identification (Days 1-15)

Convene relevant stakeholders to identify and prioritize closure.

Phase 2: Assessment (Days 15-30)

Assess encampment and engage residents about resources.

Phase 3: Resources (Days 30-60)

Coordinate resident needs with available resources.

Phase 4: Notification (Days 60-75)

Residents notified by outreach, City and volunteers about closure.

Phase 5: Transportation (Days 75-90)

Transportation offered to resources identified by outreach.

Phase 6: Cleaning (Days 90-100)

Public departments clean former encampments and mitigate returns.

Phase 6: Monitoring (Days 100+)

Police monitor former encampment sites and redirect attempts to resettle.

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REPORTING ENCAMPMENTS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA

Partners for HOME believes every resident in the City of Atlanta deserves a safe and stable home. Our Encampment Reporting Plan guides community stakeholders on processes related to reporting encampments.

WHAT ARE ENCAMPMENTS?

In the City of Atlanta, a homeless encampment is defined as:

- A site with 3+ structures and/or 7+ individuals. Structures can include a cardboard box, tent, makeshift shelter, sleeping bag, etc. that someone resides in that they might refer to as home base.
- Not in a place designated for recreational camping or outdoor sleeping.
- Present for 1+ week.

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To report a person experiencing homelessness, call 311.

To report an encampment [email email_encampments@partnersforhome.org](mailto:email_encampments@partnersforhome.org).

Encampment Reporting Plan

Information Needed

When reporting an encampment, make sure to share the approximate number of persons in encampment, types of structures present, and location of encampment, including cross streets.

Reporting Usage

Encampment reports are used to direct outreach workers to areas of engagement and provide services if desired by encampment residents.

Outreach

Outreach teams will assess the area and work with residents who choose to navigate the process to permanent housing. Participation is not mandatory.

Closure

Reporting an encampment may not result in immediate decommissioning of the encampment or movement into housing. Encampments that are decommissioned follow an [Encampment Closure Plan](#) developed for the City of Atlanta.

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