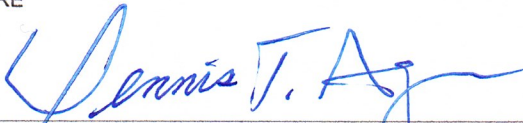


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SUBJECT

Direction on Encampment Removals due to COVID-19 Pandemic. This policy will be revisited in 30 days.

DOES THIS DIRECTIVE AFFECT OR SUPERSEDE ANOTHER DOCUMENT? YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE
 In addition to MPD 10-01 Encampment Removal Policy & Guidelines

WILL THIS DIRECTIVE BE INCORPORATED IN THE MAINTENANCE MANUAL? YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE

DIRECTIVE
 Effective immediately, unsheltered encampment cleanups are suspended unless there is an immediate safety concern or a local partner has identified safer spaces for unsheltered individuals to move indoors. Given the continuing spread of the COVID-19 virus and the vulnerability of the unsheltered population, districts should contact CHP and local partners, including local public health departments, regarding additional COVID-19 guidance and protocols that may be necessary before any further cleanups or emergency removals. Displaced individuals who might otherwise have avoided the virus could be unintentionally put in harm's way after an abatement and, if forced to move, the transient nature of homelessness could result in those individuals coming into contact with many other people.

In addition, and until further notice, districts are to use hazmat (biowaste) contractors to perform emergency removals and will not send employees to remove any remaining trash or debris.

This policy shall be revisited in 30 days.

Procedure: Any proposed unsheltered encampment cleanup must be approved by the HQ Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations. Districts must immediately notify the HQ Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations of any requests for an unsheltered encampment cleanup.

Attachment(s):