



# SALEM SAFE PARKING NETWORK

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is the Safe Parking Network?** The Salem Safe Parking Network provides safe and legal places for unhoused people to sleep in vehicles or campers / camper trailers.

**How are sites selected?** Car camping sites can be located on property owned or leased by public entities, nonprofits, businesses, or religious organizations. The property owner may grant permission for up to 6 vehicles, which, by applicable City Code, also includes camper trailers, tents, Conestoga huts, or tiny homes on wheels.

**Who operates the sites, and who pays for the program?** The majority of car camping sites are managed by Church@thePark. They oversee 24 permitted spots at 4 addresses in the Salem metro area. There are also churches, non-profits, and businesses who host and oversee their own Car Camping sites. The City of Salem & Salem Leadership Foundation provides funding for the Safe Parking Network operated by Church@thePark through a contract agreement. Funds are used to supply the portable restrooms and trash service and for Church@thePark staff to administer the program. Hosts who are not part of Church@thePark pay their own program costs.

**How are the sites kept healthy and safe?** Car camping sites must have sanitary facilities, garbage disposal services, and a storage area for campers to store any personal items so that they are not visible from any public street. Church@thePark provides camper screening and placement, garbage disposal, portable restrooms, and connection to services for participants in their program at no cost to the host site.

**How does someone get on the waiting list?** Families and individuals experiencing homelessness may apply to receive a slot at one of the sites. Single adults in need of assistance should visit Church@thePark at 2410 Turner Rd SE.

**Where can I find more information about becoming a host site?** Church@thePark manages car camping sites at no cost to the host. Individuals or businesses who are interested in more information about their program can visit <https://www.Church-at-the-Park.org> or call Program Director, DJ Vincent at (503) 949-2124. All sites must agree to and fill out the Registration Form found at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/register-your-non-profit-public-or-commercial-property-to-host-car-camping-location.aspx>