



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE *for* **PROPOSED SAFE PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS**

DESCRIPTION: the Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Church, in conjunction with Welcome Home Skagit, is proposing to create a limited homeless encampment, also referred to as “safe parking” for 10 vehicles in the existing church parking lot located at 4520 E College Way, Mount Vernon. Safe parking is a temporary off-street shelter option for those experiencing homelessness and are using a vehicle as their primary residence.

Safe parking is allowed under Mount Vernon Municipal Code 17.210.070 without permit(s) on property owned or controlled by religious organizations. The City does not issue permits for limited homeless encampments but does provide notifications and posts information about these facilities on the City’s website.

PUBLIC MEETING: the Church will be hosting a public meeting on the proposed safe parking proposal on **Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** at 4520 E College Way, Mount Vernon. This meeting will be a venue to learn more about this use and to have Welcome Home Skagit and the Church address concerns others may have. Since the City does not issue permit(s) for Safe Parking facilities City staff will not be in attendance at this meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: additional information about this safe parking site can be viewed on the City’s website by following these directions: navigate to www.mountveronwa.gov; click on “Departments” and then “Development Services” in the menu at the top of the home page. Once the Development Services page opens click on “NEWS and Notices” located in the green box on the left hand side of the screen. Once the NEWS and Notices page open scroll down to “Safe Parking at 4520 E College Way” where hyperlinks to information submitted by the Applicant is found

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