

# HOME ORDINANCE EMAIL TEMPLATE

*Remember to personalize when sending to City Council.*

Below is a template you can use to personalize and share your feedback on the proposed ordinance that would repeal and replace the current sit and lie ordinance. Note the sections in bold below are prompts that you will need to update.

- ⇒ Email to: [citycouncil2@spokanecity.org](mailto:citycouncil2@spokanecity.org) & [testimony@spokanecity.org](mailto:testimony@spokanecity.org)
  - ⇒ The DSP will also print and drop off if you forward to [info@downtownspokane.org](mailto:info@downtownspokane.org)
  - ⇒ Email Subject Line: Concerns about ORD C36679
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Dear City Council,

I am a [**resident or employee or visitor**] in downtown Spokane and urge you to establish a Downtown Hospitality Zone where the entirety of public sidewalks, plazas, parks and underpasses are prioritized for pedestrians. I urge you to ensure that ORD C36679 includes language that specifically dictates that public property and public right-of-way—like any portion of sidewalks—always remain protected. Public spaces should be clear, navigable and protected for pedestrians at all times. This ordinance needs to specify that:

*At all times no person may sit or lie down upon a public sidewalk, or upon a blanket, chair, stool, or any other object placed upon a public sidewalk, or on any portion of the public right of way not designed primarily for the purpose of sitting, including any entrance to or exit from any building or parking lot, alley or on any loading dock.*

I support establishing a Downtown Hospitality Zone that:

- Prohibits sitting, lying or obstructing any part of the public rights-of-ways at all times without shelter space requirements to enforce.
- Prohibits aggressive panhandling/solicitation at all times on public property and rights-of-way.
- Prohibits unauthorized camping at all times without delays to remove encampments or shelter space requirements to enforce.
- Encourages voluntary compliance with access to outreach and support when needed while still allowing for citation or arrest if voluntary compliance does not occur.
- Allocates increased resources like increased foot patrols and SPD coverage.

Don't delay in establishing a Downtown Hospitality Zone. Act now to prioritize and restore a vibrant downtown!

Sincerely, [**Your Name**]

**I live in Council District 1 (Northeast) or District2 (South Hill) or District 3 (Northwest)**