

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-315

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE
1338, WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED
CAMPING ON COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the public health and safety concerns related to encampments have generated citizen complaints and resulted in the unsanitary disposal of garbage and solid waste; and

WHEREAS, behaviors associated with encampments have resulted in a variety of problems that include, but are not limited to: uncontained fires; damage to trees, landscaping, public lands, and other natural areas; contaminated hypodermic needles left on the ground; and biohazards such as exposed human waste; and

WHEREAS, there are threats to the health and safety of the campers themselves and to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing to take public testimony about and then consider passage of proposed Ordinance 1338, which would prohibit unauthorized camping on county lands; and

WHEREAS, the hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 25, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the historic courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the historic courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 25, 2022, to consider and take public testimony about proposed Ordinance 1338, which would (1) prohibit unauthorized camping on county lands and (2) add Chapter 8.60 to Lewis County Code; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, postings and publications as required by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 4th day of October, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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