

# Lodging Council October Update

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# Proposition 483 – Safe Place to Park

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- City buys 41 acres at the Cultural Park in 2022, with the primary goal of using it for workforce housing.
- As this housing is built, a temporary use of 5 acres was proposed for Sedona workers living out of their cars to have a safe place to sleep in their vehicle, shower, use the restroom, and eat.
- Operations costs would be covered by grants through June 2026.
- After the program ends, participants could apply for affordable housing units in the pipeline.



# Why will residents be voting on this issue?

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- In Spring 2024, City Council approved a temporary zone change for the 5 acres that would allow the program's use through June 2026.
- Residents collected signatures to place the zone change decision in the hands of the voters. Prop 483 is on the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ballot.
- A yes vote on Prop 483 keeps the zone change and allows this program to proceed.
- A no vote on Prop 483 does not allow the zone change, therefore the program at this site can not move forward.

# Where is the proposed property?

- Five acres with the closest home a quarter of a mile away.
- The site would accommodate up to 40 cars and be supervised by the Verde Valley Homeless Coalition.



# Who can participate in the program?

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Eligibility requirements, other than having a car:

1. A pay statement from an employer with a physical address in City limits from the past 30 days.
2. Alternatives like an employer verification letter, tax returns, 1099's and W-2's will be accepted if a verbal confirmation of employment can't be obtained from the employer by calling a publicly available number.
3. Self-employed people can be accepted if their business is registered to a Sedona address and their name is on the business license.
4. Any other self-employed people, and those who cannot be employed because they are retired or disabled have to demonstrate a verifiable connection to Sedona with one of the following documents: an Arizona Driver License, State ID, or vehicle registration showing a Sedona physical address and not issued in 2024 or later.
5. Remote/gig workers or anyone else who cannot provide the required documents, but who claim to live in Sedona, will be referred to the Housing Department for a review panel decision.



# Frequently Asked Questions

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- Will this be a homeless encampment?
  - The site would be open from 4 pm - 8 am and you must leave nothing behind. There are no tents.
  - Disabled and retired people who can verify their connection to Sedona may participate, but they must have a car.
  - We see this being used by primarily workers who are living out of their cars.
- Why pursue this program?
  - Workers in Sedona businesses are living out of their cars because they can't afford to live here. This as a temporary solution while permanent housing is built.
- What will happen if the referendum does not pass?
  - Council will need to decide if they want to consider another location.



## More Information

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- [www.sedonaaz.gov/safeplace](http://www.sedonaaz.gov/safeplace)
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