

Amendments to VMC 8.22 - Camping

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Presentation Overview

- Change of VMC 8.22 title
- Proposed additional Camping and Outside Habitation Impact Areas

Prior Council Action

- In September 2021 Council approved amendments to VMC 8.22 to support the establishment of the Safe Stay Communities by further specifying times during which it is unlawful to camp or occupy camping facilities in publicly owned places
- At the time Council was told that their action preserved the broadest range of policy options for the Council's future consideration relative to public camping

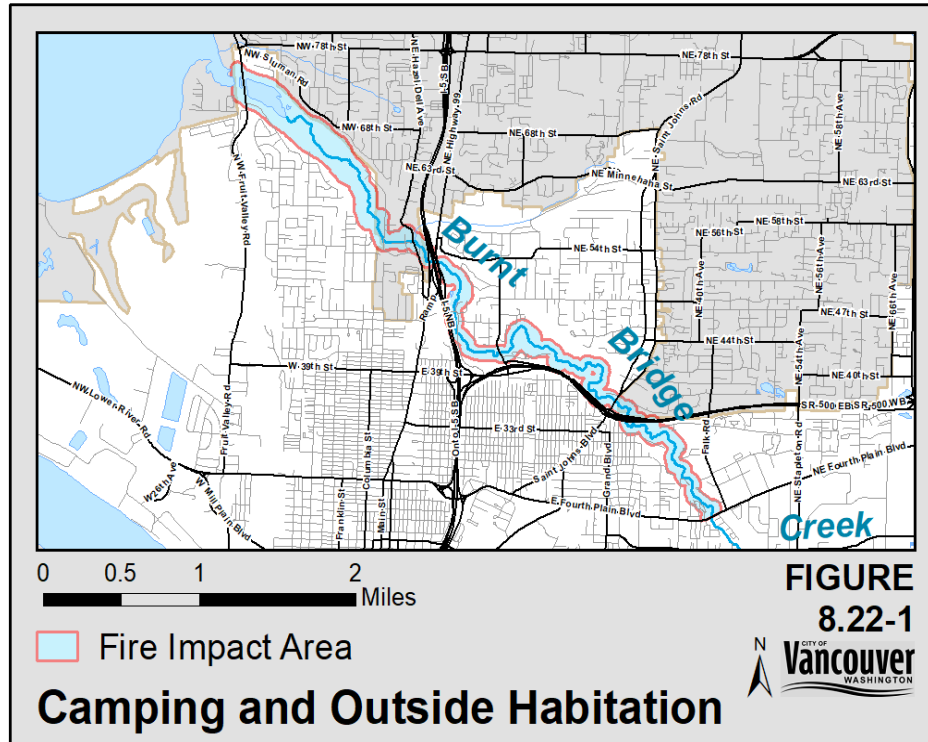
VMC 8.22 Title Change

- Proposing to change title of VMC Chapter 8.22 from “Camping” to “Outside Habitation and Camping”
- Intent is to better reflect that the behaviors covered by the chapter are primarily associated with individuals experiencing homelessness and their attempts to shelter themselves from the elements

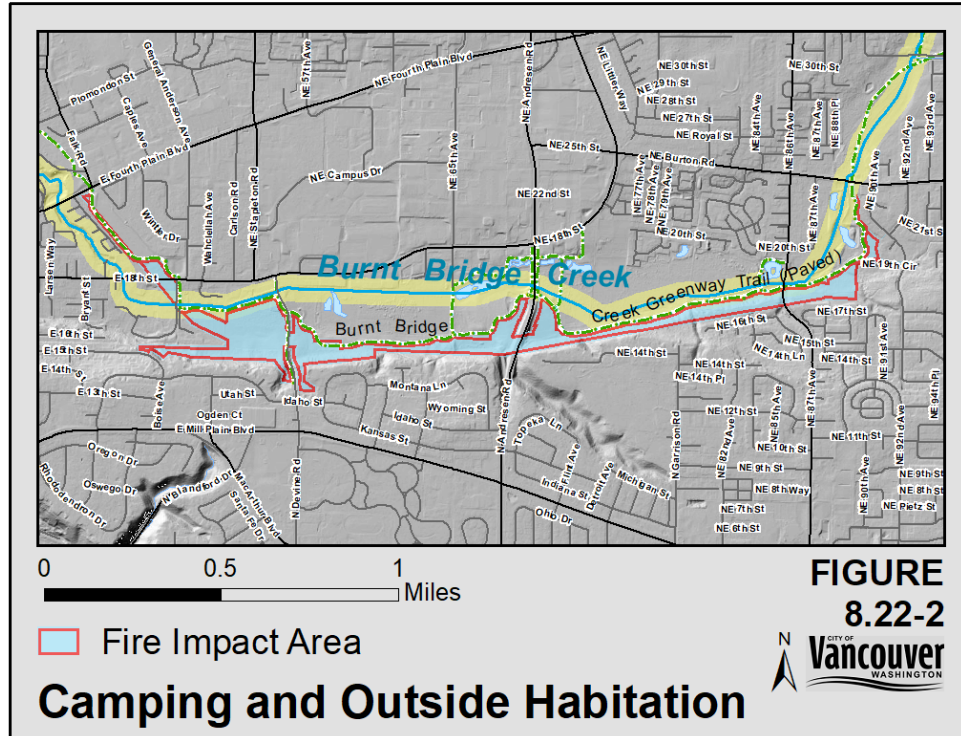
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- One issue of great concern to both individuals experiencing homelessness and the greater Vancouver community is the danger posed by fire
- The Burnt Bridge Creek drainage area/canyon is particularly vulnerable to a dangerous wildfire event
 - Heavy vegetation
 - Limited access/steep slopes
 - Limited water supply

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- Additional impact areas would have the same limitations that already exist in the established Camping and Outside Habitation Impact Areas

Next Steps

- HART team will begin informing and enforcing campers in the impacted areas as part of their overall outreach
- Recognition that we are heading into the peak of fire season so this is a priority

Questions and Discussion

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