



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

**DESCRIPTION:** the First United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, 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 1607 E Division Street, Mount Vernon (Skagit County Assessor’s Parcel Number P26889). 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, AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 6 PM** at 1607 E Division Street, 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.

**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](http://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 1607 E Division Street” where hyperlinks to information submitted by the Applicant is found.

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