

City City Commission's to Discuss Downtown Safety Measures on March 3 - Your Voice is Needed!

On **March 3, 2025**, the **Fargo City Commission** will be reviewing a recommendation from **Chief Zibolski** to amend two critical ordinances that directly address behaviors that are negatively impacting Downtown. This recommendation comes from our collaborative efforts with the Chief, and it involves revising the ordinances on **Urinating in Public** and **Consuming Alcohol in Public**, which were previously changed to non-criminal fines, making them difficult to enforce effectively.

The Chief has asked that these ordinances be reclassified as **infractions (arrestable offenses)** which would give law enforcement the tools they need to enforce these behaviors more effectively and hold individuals accountable for actions that disturb our community. This move aligns with our goal to **regain control of Downtown** and send a clear message that certain behaviors will not be tolerated moving forward.

It is essential that these changes are enacted before the busy spring and summer seasons to show that the city is committed to **creating a safer and more welcoming Downtown** for all.

I encourage you to contact the **City Commissioners** directly via email or to sign up to speak at the **March 3 meeting** if you are willing to express your support for these changes.

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Update on Homeless Camping Ordinance Extension

The City Commission will also be considering a short-term, one-time, 30-day extension for when the homeless camping ordinance goes into full effect. The DCP has been a strong advocate for increased regulations of homeless encampments and has also been an active leader to elevate the community's efforts to address homelessness, and we understand that this extension is part of the overall plan by the city, the United Way, and other partners to build out a comprehensive, and manageable, response.

That said, there are concerns this extension raises, particularly around the potential for encampments to increase in the short term. It's critical that the regulatory measures and outreach efforts continue in the interim and that the city moves forward with the full ordinance enforcement by the end of April, as the extension lays out.

We fully support the city's ongoing efforts to address homelessness, including the coordination with the FM Coalition to End Homelessness and the United Way. These initiatives are making progress, and we remain committed to working together as a community partner to see real, lasting change in our community.

