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### **Mayor's Office Issues Statement on No Camping Code on City Property**

SALT LAKE CITY – Salt Lake City's Code 15.08.080 is a no camping code designed to discourage overnight camping in City parks, sidewalks and streets. Contrary to recent claims, the City has no prohibition against sleeping in parks during open hours.

"The Salt Lake City police force on the streets is trained to educate and give notice to individuals about the ordinance. Our officers do not disturb people without due cause, unless there is concern for the person's well-being," said Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank. "Although we have issued warnings for violations of our no camping code, we have not issued a ticket or made a single arrest in the last year based on camping."

"Clearly, the City is focused on education of the ordinance," added Mayor Becker's Chief of Staff David Everitt. "The Mayor and Chief Burbank remain aligned in their commitment to the safety and security of all residents of Utah's Capital City."

For more information, please contact Lara Jones of the Salt Lake City Police Department at 801-799-3340.

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