



CITY OF RIVERSIDE DROP-OFF ORDINANCE

**Advance Notice Required Before Transporting an
Unhoused Individual into the City of Riverside**

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The City of Riverside has adopted a new ordinance requiring organizations to **provide at least 24 hours' advance notice** before transporting and dropping off an individual experiencing homelessness within Riverside city limits.

The ordinance is intended to improve coordination between service providers and the City so individuals receive appropriate assistance upon arrival while helping responsibly manage limited shelter and outreach resources.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT



Submit written
notification at least
24 HOURS
BEFORE TRANSPORT

ORGANIZATIONS SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCE

- Municipal agencies
- County agencies
- Law enforcement agencies
- Hospitals and medical facilities
- Behavioral health providers
- Recuperative care providers
- Nonprofit organizations
- Social service agencies
- Other institutions arranging transportation

WHY THIS MATTERS

Advance notification helps the City:

- Coordinate services before arrival
- Reduce unsheltered releases
- Improve communication between jurisdictions
- Better manage limited shelter and outreach resources
- Strengthen continuity of care for individuals experiencing homelessness

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION

- **Does not restrict** an individual's right to travel.
- **Does not criminalize** homelessness.
- **Does not prohibit** charitable assistance or basic survival services permitted under California law.

This ordinance regulates organizational transportation practices and is intended to improve service coordination.

ENFORCEMENT

First Violation

Written Warning

Subsequent Violations

Administrative citation with applicable hearing and appeal procedures

The City may also pursue civil remedies to recover unpaid administrative fines.

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