



3H TASK FORCE UPDATE AND IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

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234%



The number of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness has **increased by more than 234% since 2015.**



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SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND



3H TASK FORCE MISSION

For the City of Tulsa to understand the needs of the community in addressing homelessness at the intersection of housing and mental health and create a strategy for the City to best utilize its policy and legislative powers, public convening and education platforms, and financial resources to maximize its efficiency and effectiveness in contributing to broader community solutions.





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3H TASK FORCE SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

- 3H Task Force began meeting with local experts in January 2023
- Meetings focused on how the City can have an impact in broader community solutions
 - Supportive Services
 - Housing Programs
 - Mental Health
 - Public Safety Enforcement
 - Business Impacts
 - Partnerships
 - Justice and Court System
 - Healthcare Services





3H TASK FORCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Plan for land use needs and infrastructure capacity to accommodate housing demand.
- Increase public safety by deploying enhanced outreach, enforcement practices and corresponding communication strategies to appropriately respond to community needs.
- Participate in convening among partners to align objectives and effectively coordinate resource distribution.
- Strategically align public funding to maximize impact, increase public-private opportunities, and fill funding gaps in broader community solutions.



CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED AND EXAMINED



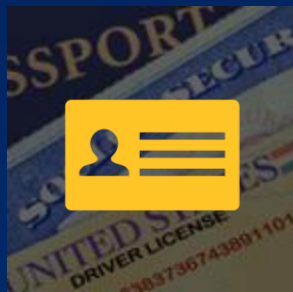
**Available
Space**
—



**Criminal
History**
—



**Animal
Accommodation**
—



**Vital
Documents**
—



**Sobriety or
Substance Abuse**
—



**Respite
Care**
—



ACTION STEPS



IMMEDIATE ACTION STEPS

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ACTION STEP 1



EMERGENCY TEMPORARY HOUSING

- 100+ unsheltered individuals
- Supportive services included
- Goal to transition to permanent housing





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ACTION STEP 2

- 1 —
- 2 —
- 3 —

PRIORITY HOUSING PLACEMENT

- Partnering with Tulsa Housing Authority (THA) to create a housing preference for chronically homeless individuals
- THA revisiting criminal policies





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ACTION STEP 3



LOW BARRIER SHELTER

- 50-75+ unsheltered individuals
- Referrals from hospitals, shelters, and outreach teams
- Supportive services included
- Issuing RFP for operator





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ACTION STEP 4



EXPANDING ANIMAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Add permanent space at the Tulsa Day Center
- Wash stations for pets





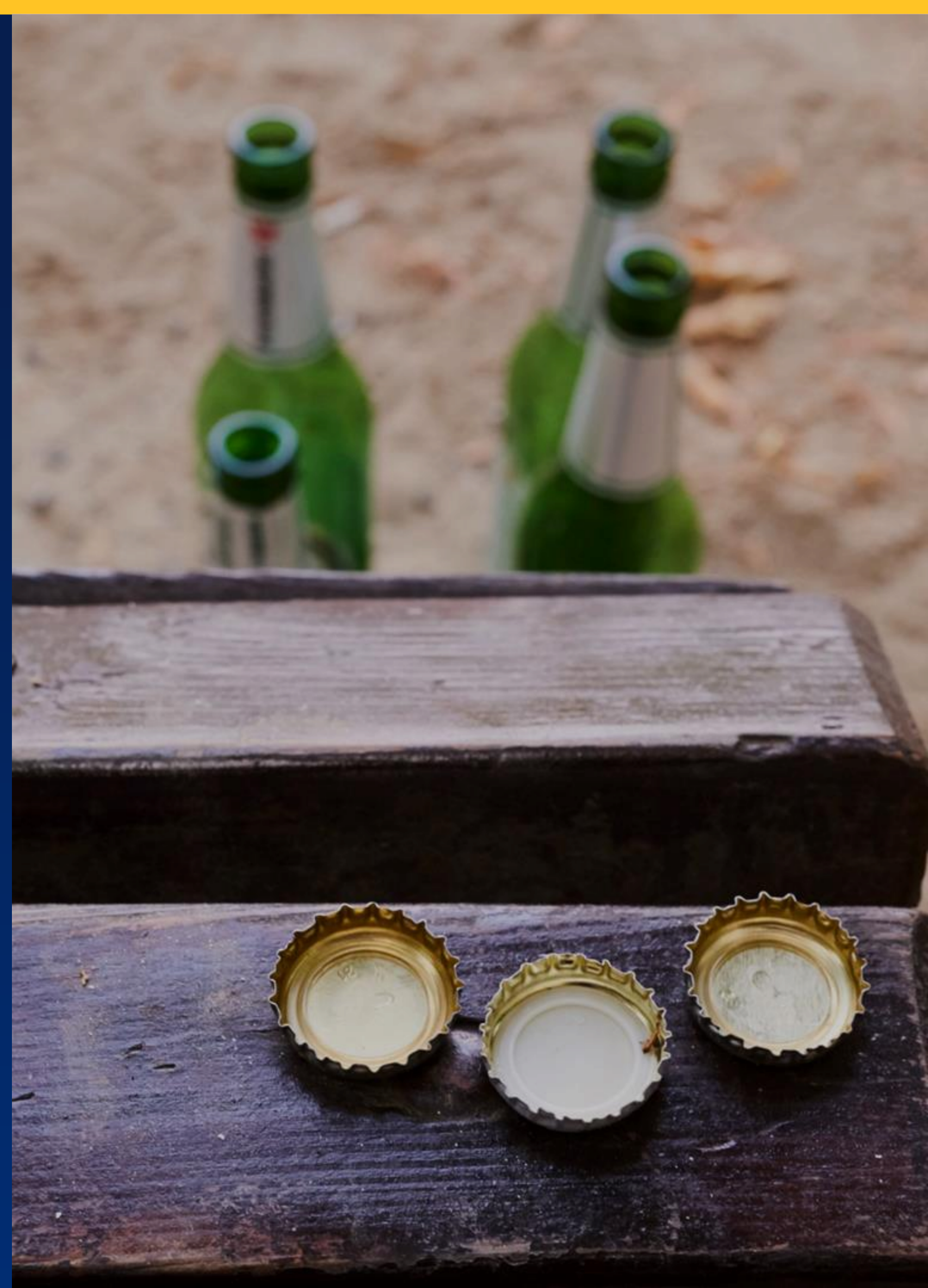
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ACTION STEP 5



OPEN CONTAINERS IN CITY PARKS

- Request to the Parks and Recreation Board to implement new rules allowing the Parks Director to regulate open containers or consumption of alcohol on an as-needed basis in individual parks





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ACTION STEP 6



TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

- Council consideration of strengthening existing trespassing ordinance
- Increased and modified penalty structure
- Court-offered options and programs available





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ACTION STEP 7



PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTION

- Council consideration of an ordinance clarifying that it is illegal to obstruct right-of-way
- Applies to streets, alleys, crosswalks, sidewalks, driveways or trails
- Exceptions provided for extenuating circumstances





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ACTION STEP 8



PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENFORCEMENT

- Requesting trespassing letters from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA), Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Union Pacific (UP) and South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (SKOL)
- Enforce trespassing laws related to camping, sleeping and littering/dumping





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ACTION STEP 9



CONSISTENT APPROACH TO PUBLIC SAFETY

- Directive to Tulsa Police to apply laws consistently regardless of housing status





NEXT STEPS

- Implement immediate action items
- Build partnerships for ongoing program funding
- Hold town hall meeting for 3H Task Force long-term recommendations
- Continue ongoing initiatives relating to mental health, homelessness and housing, including:
 - **\$75M Improve Our Tulsa Housing** – Combine funding with federal, state, and philanthropic funding to more aggressively address the housing shortage Tulsa currently faces.
 - **Chief Mental Health Officer** – Help coordinate citywide mental health response.
 - **Execute Housing Strategy** – Develop concrete action strategy focused on supporting and spurring development of 13,000 housing units over the next decade.