

# Criminal Activity on the Municipal Campus

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# Council Consideration of Two Ordinances

- Ordinance 7965
  - Modifying General Penalty Provisions
  - Moving pedestrian interference and staying on a median from the traffic code to the criminal code, allowing for jail sentences
- Ordinance 7966
  - Adopting the state law prohibiting unlawful conduct on public property as a municipal violation

# Problems to Resolve

- There is a high level of criminal activity on the municipal campus and in the general downtown area.
  - 646 citations and arrests in a 12 month period
- There are individuals for whom a fine, collections or bad credit rating do not motivate behavior change.
- These proposed changes would give the court more tools to address behavior.

# Are we Criminalizing Homelessness?

- Most homeless people do not commit crimes.
- Homeless people are more likely to be victims of crime than criminals.
- Our goal is to protect everyone in our community especially the most vulnerable.

# Who is being banished?

















# Boulder is Helping the Homeless

- Largest per capita social service budget on the Front Range.
- \$5 million budget for our housing department.
- The Municipal Court was funded with a homeless resource officer to assist homeless defendants getting services.

# Questions from Council?

