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Mayor Michelle Staples and Council  
City of Duncan  
200 Craig St  
Duncan BC V9L 1W3

Dear Mayor Staples and Council,

## People living temporarily in Recreational Vehicles

I am writing to ask that council consider the plight of persons living in Recreational Vehicles as the ongoing shortage of affordable housing makes it impossible for them to find a better option. Current by-laws do not allow people to live in RVs unless at our overfull and costly RV Parks and this is causing a hardship to many.

Parking lots (including our own) are being sought out as overnight resting places by some folk with no other housing options. People who are working and/or living on disability incomes with no other options in today's housing market. We wonder if the city might consider supporting that use. We would be happy to come to council for a conversation about our experience and to gain more knowledge about council's efforts. We know council has done a lot of work on temporary housing and supportive housing and would appreciate the opportunity to learn more from you.

Yours sincerely,

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