

University Hill Commercial Area Comprehensive Transient Strategy

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The University Hill Commercial Area Management Commission (UHCAMC) made it a 2018 priority to develop a comprehensive strategy for mitigating negative impacts of transient activity in the district. They hosted a workshop with Boulder Police and the Human Services Department, to learn about what tools already exist and to develop the following strategies.

Loitering -

Loitering is not illegal in Boulder. If a transient or group of transients is/are blocking your storefront or harassing your customers, the Boulder Police Department asks you to call the **non-emergency dispatch number**: 303-441-4444.

Please DO NOT approach the individuals yourself. Some may be mentally unstable or violent. Officers have been trained to assess the situation and respond appropriately.

Officers may not be able to encourage the individuals to remove themselves from the area, but a visit sends the message that storeowners are watching and aware, and individuals may be less likely to return.

Encampments -

All owners of <u>vacant commercial spaces</u> are encouraged to file an **Affadavit of Trespass** with the Boulder Police Department. The form is posted online <u>HERE</u>. Please inform **The Hill Boulder** (<u>thehillboulder1@gmail.com</u>) if you have filed an affidavit so they may be a resource for businesses wishing to file a complaint.

Assistance -

If you wish to assist someone who is homeless, please use the city's <u>formal intake process</u> so individuals are directed to appropriate professional assistance. <u>Please do not provide free food</u> - this establishes the Hill as a desirable location for transient encampments and does not provide long-term support for the individuals.