

## Quarterly Report to Council on Expulsions 11/7/2025 – 2/7/2026

### **Enhanced Law Enforcement Area Expulsion**

On October 7, 2025 Council passed an amendment to section 10.120 of Ashland Municipal Code changing the process by which a person can be expelled from a defined part of the City (Enhanced Law Enforcement Area).

Previously the process involved a person committing and being convicted of qualifying violations level offenses, or not only being charged with, but also convicted of criminal violations, leaving the police department without a tool to deal with the chronic negative behavior in a timely manner.

Under the new ordinance language an officer can petition the municipal court Judge for an expulsion order if the following conditions have presented on distinct, separate occasions:

-at least 3 violation charges for a qualifying violation. Qualifying violations are:

- a. AMC 9.08.110 – Scattering Rubbish;
- b. AMC 9.08.170 – Unnecessary Noise;
- c. AMC 9.16.010 – Dogs – Control Required;
- d. AMC 10.40.030 – Consumption of alcoholic liquors in public places prohibited;
- e. AMC 10.40.040 – Open Containers Prohibited; or
- f. ORS 475C.377 -Use marijuana in public place prohibited, or,

-at least one felony charge, or at least one misdemeanor person crime charge, or at least one charge of misdemeanor unauthorized burning under AMC 10.30.060, or

-at least 2 misdemeanor charges

Historically the City has expelled approximately 8-18 people from an ELEA in any given year. In the first quarter of this new framework in which officers petition the court based on charges received (11/7/2025-2/7/2026) there have been 2 expulsions applied for and issued, both in the eastern ELEA. Additionally there was one expulsion order requested and denied by the court (as multiple incidents had occurred on the same date), and three already-in-effect orders were extended by the court for continuing negative behavior.

Of the two expulsions sought and issued under the new process, one was for the suspect being charged with four misdemeanor offenses, the other was for the suspect being charged with several felonies.

## Parks Expulsion

In addition to AMC 10.120 allowing for an expulsion from a defined ELEA, AMC 10.68.350 has allowed (for quite a while) for any parks employee, police officer or code enforcement officer to expel someone from a park for 30 days if found to be in violation of park rules. Also, if a person has been found to have violated park rules on two or more occasions within two years, that person can be expelled for 180 days. Lastly, if a person is found to have committed a crime in a park the person can be expelled for a period not to exceed the potential incarceration time for that crime.

Both avenues of expulsion allow for an appeal to the municipal court Judge to re-visit the decision, with a stay on enforcement in place pending the appeal.

The police department and municipal court have established a shared database that allows us to track which expulsions have been issued or sought, appealed, stayed, and dismissed or upheld.

As of this report, there are 19 people under active expulsion orders from various parks, in some cases, all parks. The basis for expulsions ranges from violation level offenses to felony level person crimes.

23-0854	Lithia Park/Calle	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 1	5/31/2023	5/31/2028
26-147	NIGHT LAWN	DOC	1/30/2026	3/1/2026
25-1996	NIGHT LAWN	DOC II	11/16/2025	5/16/2026
24-0108	NIGHT LAWN	ASSAULT 3	3/22/2024	2/6/2029
26-0124	GARFIELD PARK	CAMPING PROHIBITED	1/26/2026	2/25/2026
26-157	NIGHT LAWN/PARKINGLOT/GROVE	UP METH	2/2/2026	8/1/2026
23-1826	Calle Guanajuato	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 1	9/13/2023	9/13/2028
23-2622	Bluebird Park	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 1	10/29/2023	12/29/2028
25-1927	ALL COA PARKS	CIMINAL MISCHIEF 2	11/4/2025	11/4/2026
26-0151	NIGHT LAW,PKG LOT, GROVE,CRT	SCATTERING RUBBISH	2/1/2026	3/3/2026
25-1968	NIGHT LAWN	UP METH, FALSE INFO TO POLICE	11/10/2025	5/10/2026
26-0147	NIGHT LAW,PKG LOT, GROVE,CRT	ASSAULT 4, DOC 2	1/30/2026	7/30/2026
26-0187	Triangle Park	CAMPING PROHIBITED	2/8/2026	3/10/2026
25-1621	NIGHT LAWN	OFFENSIVE LITTERING	9/14/2025	3/14/2026
26-130	NIGHT LAWN/PARKINGLOT/GROVE	MARIJUANA USE IN PUBLIC	1/27/2026	2/26/2026
25-2104	Lithia Park/Calle	PARK RULES, CAMPING PROHIBITED	12/2/2025	1/1/2026
26-0054	NIGHT LAWN	FAIL TO LEAVE AT REQUIRED TIME	1/11/2026	2/10/2026
25-1883	NIGHT LAWN	DOC 2, ASSAULT 4 DV	10/26/2025	4/26/2026
24-2049	ALL COA PARKS	AGG HARASSMENT	10/2/2024	10/2/2029

DOC: Disorderly Conduct UP: Unlawful Possession

## Complaint Data

There is insufficient data to draw conclusions as to the efficacy of the new framework as it is only 3 months old. However, a snapshot of the complaints of disorderly conduct, theft, trespass and suspicious situations in ELEA East for November 7<sup>th</sup> through February 7<sup>th</sup> of each of the last six years shows a decrease in these calls in the most recent three-month period from a high in 2022. It might also be worth noting that the second ELEA, covering this part of the City, went into effect in late 2024.



