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**To:** Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center (MCHC)

**CC:** Chief Lizarraga, MCHC Ad Hoc Committee

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**RE:** Recommended Guidelines for Banning Nuisance Individuals

The Fort Bragg Police Department is recommending the below criteria be used as guidelines for the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center/House enacting temporary or permanent bans against nuisance individuals. The below criteria involves arrests or citations as opposed to criminal convictions due to the often slow nature of the court system. If approved, individuals meeting the below criteria would be brought to the attention of MCHC by the Police Department on a case by case basis.

1. Three or more Fort Bragg Municipal Code citations in a 30 day period. This area covers violations such as drinking in public, panhandling, unlawful camping, loitering, etc.
  - a. These types of violations often represent the greatest vocal concern of the community. These violations impact local businesses, deter tourism, and represent general blight, especially when they occur within the Central Business District or near areas frequented by tourists.
2. Two or more alcohol related arrests in a 30 day period. These violations include violations of court ordered alcohol abstention terms and public drunkenness.
  - a. Besides the issues identified in the previous section, these types of violations take up large portions of staff time for the Police Department. For example, a single arrest for 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication), can cost the City up to \$1000 when you consider transportation costs, the arrest process, processing of records, court appearances etc.
3. Three or more arrests for property crimes (typically shoplifting) in a 60 day period.
  - a. Transients represent a large majority of our shoplifting arrests typically from businesses that sell alcohol. While many of these thefts occur at brand name retail stores such as Safeway and Rite Aid, a notable portion of these thefts occur at locally owned businesses such as Purity Market, Harvest Market and Columbi's Market.

4. A combination of one incident from each of the above three sections in a 30 day time period.
  - a. Most of the criminal transients we deal with will violate one or two of the above sections on a regular basis. Occasionally, we will have transients that show a complete lack of regard for our local culture and laws. While these transients are typically fairly new to the area (often having arrived within the last two weeks), we feel it is important to immediately address this type of behavior. In my experience, transients who participate in multiple different criminal behaviors often are truly transient, bouncing from city to city.
5. Any arrest for a felony crime against a person. This includes crimes such as robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, assault causing great bodily injury, etc. This section would also include the felony or misdemeanor assault of a peace officer.
  - a. While the majority of members of our local transient population are not violent individuals, there is a small group of known transients who are violent towards the public, other transients, and law enforcement.

The Police Department remains open to dialogue regarding these guidelines. Based on my personal experience, I would say approximately four to six transients would have met the above guidelines to the extent that I would have recommended a ban over the course of the last six months.

Respectfully,



Officer Thomas N. O'Neal