

Oregon Right to Rest Act (SB629)

Oregon: A Snap Shot of Anti-Poverty & Anti-Homeless Laws across the State

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Key Findings:

Cities across the State of Oregon have enacted numerous anti-poverty & anti-homeless laws, as noted on the chart below.

- Thirty cities (small, mid-sized and the largest cities across the State) have a total of 183 laws on the books criminalizing poverty and/or human existence in outside spaces.
- These laws include: sleeping outdoors, loitering (standing or sitting on sidewalks), trespassing/banishment, public storage of personal items, sanitation/public hygiene, panhandling, and food sharing.
- Twenty eight of thirty cities have at least one (up to nine) municipal codes restricting day or nighttime activity (i.e.; standing, sitting, resting and/or sleeping, camping).

City	Standing, Sitting, Resting	Sleeping, Camping, Lodging	Begging Panhandling	Food Sharing	Sanitation	Public Storage	TOTAL LAWS
Albany	3	4	1		2	1	11
Ashland	4	5			3	1	13
Astoria	1				2	1	4
Baker City	2	1			1		4
Bend	5				1		6
Burns		1					1
Coos Bay					1		1
Corvallis	3	2	2		2		9
Cottage Grov	2	3	3		2		10
Eugene	4	2			1		7
Gold Beach	1	2	2		1	1	7
Grants Pass	3	3	2		1		9
Hermiston	1	1					2
Hood River	3	1			1	1	6
John Day		3	1		2		6
Klamath Fall	1	1			2	2	6
LaGrande	3	3			1		7
Lincoln City	1	1	1		1	1	5
Medford	4	1				1	6
Ontario	1		1			1	3
Portland	5	1		2	3		11
Port Orford			1				1
Prineville	2	4	1		1	1	9
Redmond	4	3	1		1	1	10
Roseburg	1	1			1		3
Salem	5	1	2		2	1	11
Saint Helens	2	1				1	4
Springfield	1	1	1		1	1	5
Tillamook	1				1	1	3
Umatilla		1			1	1	3
30 Cities TOTAL	63	47	19	2	35	17	183