



First Universalist Church of Denver
working in partnership with
Colorado Safe Parking Initiative (CSPI) Safe Parking Program

Dear Neighbors,

Members of First Universalist Church of Denver have been working on a plan with CSPI for a Safe Parking Program at our church. Safe parking provides safe, legal overnight parking with restroom access, and First Universalist wants to help. Hundreds of families are sheltering in vehicles in the metro area due to the pandemic and financial crisis, and that number will likely to increase. To assist these people, there are currently nine Safe Parking locations in the Denver area with more being added and 45 Safe Parking programs across the nation.

The program at First Universalist Church will operate under a temporary emergency zoning permit. We would like your feedback and assistance in aiding a few Denverites. Here is our current plan. Please share your hopes and concerns. *The First Universalist Homelessness Task Force*

How it Works

- To participate in our Safe Parking Program, people apply through CSPI who will conduct Colorado Bureau of Investigation background checks and initial interviews. First Universalist task force members will do additional interviews.
- First Universalist Church's Safe Parking Program is by permit only, will have eight cars, one or two people per car, with no R.V.s, no campers, no trailers, no tents.
- The same vehicles will return every night until their owners return to housing.
- Each vehicle will have an assigned parking spot in our North parking lot, which the church owns.
- Each guest must keep their belongings in their cars with nothing outside the vehicles.
- Guests will park only in their assigned spaces and only from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- A Porta-Potty, a hand-sanitizing station, and a trash receptacle will be for their use.

Description of Guests

- Only vetted guests will sleep in our parking lot each night.
- No sexual offenders will be permitted.
- Each guest must sign a 26-point agreement with the church.
- Each guest must be over 18 years of age. No children or visitors, other than registered guests allowed.
- No drugs, alcohol, or weapons will be permitted at the site, and violators will be removed.
- Many guests are working or seeking employment. All guests will receive case management and housing navigation services from CSPI and their partner agencies.

Our Commitment to Safety of Our Guests and Neighbors

- First Universalist Church property has installed cameras that will continue to be monitored 24 hours/day, recording all activity on site.
- Police will be notified of our participation in this program and will be prepared to provide support services, as needed.
- **Contact information** will be provided to neighbors. We will respond to your questions and concerns.
- Join us Wednesday, April 21st from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a **Zoom**:
<https://zoom.us/j/99944447039?pwd=d0gzVVlrRFhLZGhSM2ttUGE0MFFvUT09>

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Our Mission: To Offer Community For Connection, Renewal and Transformation