BUSINESS OWNERS, DON’T BE SILENT!

- Call police when you see begging you believe to be aggressive!
- Make the call even if you believe the person will be gone before police arrive.
- Instruct your employees to do the same.
- Trespass aggressive beggars from your property.

The Non-Emergency number is 253-798-4721.

Emergency number is 9-1-1

Community Resources

SHELTER/HOMELESS SERVICES
Access Point Housing (253) 682-3401
City of Lakewood (253) 983-7756

FOOD
Emergency Food Network (253) 584-6948
Salvation Army (253) 572-8452

CRISIS
Optum Health 1-800-576-7764
Pierce County DV Helpline (253) 798-4166
National Rape Crisis Hotline 1-800–656-4673
Greater Lakes Mental Health PATH Team (253) 581-7020

MEDICAL HELP
Franciscan Health System Pastoral Care (253) 985-2640
Community Health Care (253) 589-7027
(253) 589-7188

POLICE
Non-Emergency (253) 798-4721
Emergency 911
What Is Aggressive Begging?

Begging is considered aggressive when you:

- Do so with intent to intimidate another person into giving money or goods by any means including repeated requests for money while approaching or following the person from whom funds are being requested;
- Continue to solicit from a person or continue to engage that person after the person has given a negative response to such soliciting;
- Solicit from anyone who is waiting in line;
- Follow a person with intent to solicit money or other things of value;
- Beg with use of false or misleading information, where the person knew or reasonably should have known of the falsity or misleading nature of the information;
- Beg with or involve activities that are unsafe or dangerous to any person or property;
- Beg in a manner that exploits children; or
- Willfully provide or deliver, or attempt to provide or deliver un-requested or unsolicited services or products with a demand or exertion of pressure for payment in return.

**Begging is specifically prohibited at on and off ramps and at principal arterials within the City.**

A list of the prohibited areas can be found on the city website at: www.cityoflakewood.us under Lakewood Municipal Code 12A.9.022.

Here’s What You Can Do!

**INDIVIDUALS**

- Keep moving. Put distance between yourself and the person asking for money.
- Say as little as possible and do not engage with the person asking for money.
- Don’t give in if you don’t want to give money.
- Report panhandling to business owners/management.
- Report aggressive panhandlers to the police:
  - The Non-Emergency number is 253-798-4721
  - As always, the Emergency number is 9-1-1