

## Downtown Safety Initiative

Creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and welcome, has been the cornerstone of the City Council's Safe Community goal. Downtown safety has been a particular focus for the Council and the community.

As a result of recent work by the Downtown Safety Task Team, four main themes emerged as contributing to public safety problems in the downtown area:

- Lack of accountability/consequences;
- Illegal and unpleasant behavior;
- Lack of a cohesive/coordinated plan; and
- Aspects of the physical space/environment



On January 27, 2010, the City Council unanimously supported a 12 point Downtown Safety Initiative developed after considerable input by the Downtown Safety Task Team and City staff. The City Council directed the City Manager to implement the short-term actions and requested that funding recommendations for the longer term actions, with the exception of item 8 below, be included in the FY11 Budget. The short-term actions include:

1. Better coordination with Downtown Eugene Inc's red-capped guides, private security firms and parole and probation officers;
2. Development of an ordinance or mechanism to address sale and consumption of fortified wine and malt liquor;
3. Expand use of video cameras to prevent vandalism and other crimes, along with automating behavior crime reporting;
4. Proposed modification of business improvement district fees to include more property; and
5. Review of the Downtown Public Safety Zone ordinance to assess effectiveness and consider amendments.

