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Temporary Restraining Order Against Larry Rice

On November 16, the City of Springfield filed a Petition for Preliminary and Permanent Injunction and a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order against Larry Rice and New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc (NLECI).

The City of Springfield has issued two letters to Larry Rice and NLECI stating that use of the property as a campground violates the City's zoning for that property. The City has no other enforcement option other than to file these petitions and rely on court action.

The City of Springfield also provided to Larry Rice and NLECI information about available homeless shelters and contact information. City staff recently verified available space in multiple homeless shelters. Information about local shelters is available at: www.springfieldmo.gov.

Additional information regarding the filings by the City today may also be found at: www.springfieldmo.gov.

For more information, contact: Greg Burris, City Manager, (417) 864-1006.