The City of Kent offers business owners an opportunity to be involved in a Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program. This partnership provides the Kent Police Department authorization to contact and question persons who may be unlawfully occupying the property.
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM YOU MUST:

1. Complete and sign the Trespass Enforcement Authorization form. The original of this form must be on file at the Kent Police Station. In this form you:
   a. appoint all Kent Police officers as your agents for the purpose of enforcing trespass law,
   b. state that no one has permission to use the property during non-business hours for any purpose not directly and clearly related to your business, and
   c. state that you will testify in court if called to do so.
2. Post No Trespassing signs at the logical entry points to your property (driveways, sidewalks).
3. Testify in court if called on to do so.
4. Notify the Kent Police Department when installation of no trespassing signs is complete.

SIGNS must include the following verbiage:

TRESPASSING PROHIBITED
NO LOITERING
VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO ARREST AND PROSECUTION
KENT CITY CODE 9.02
RCW 9A.52.070-080
(or words to that effect)

This program DOES NOT increase the police patrolling of your property.

RCW 9A.52.070 Criminal Trespass first degree: 1) if he/she knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a building 2) Criminal trespass in the first degree is a gross misdemeanor.

RCW 9A.52.080 Criminal Trespass second degree: 1) if he/she knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in or upon premises of another under circumstances not consulting criminal trespass in the first degree 2) Criminal trespass in the second degree is a misdemeanor.

You may obtain signs from a supplier of your choice. You may also purchase a 12” X 18” sign through the Kent Police Foundation for $25.00 each.

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