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BACKGROUND

• May 2, 2017 – Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Program
• May 9, 2017 – State of Public Health Emergency
• June 6, 2017 – Emergency Temporary Shelters Interim Regulations

ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED

• Sponsoring entity
• Regulatory flexibility
• Compliance with State laws (RCW 35.21.915)
• Livability
• Civic Engagement
• Equity and Accessibility
• Social Conditions
• Citywide, based on Police Sector areas
PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Highlights of the Proposed Regulations as recommended by the Planning Commission on February 21, 2018:

1. Allows governmental and non-profit institutions as sponsoring entities;
2. Allows shelters to run for 185 consecutive days with possible extension;
3. Allows six shelters city-wide, with a maximum of two in any single Police Sector, once all four Police Sectors have one shelter;
4. Shortens recurrence period of shelters to six (6) months;
5. Allows children under 18 accompanied by a guardian;
6. Provides flexibility in type of sheltering, some site requirements, and service provision;
7. Requires a signed trespass order to be filed with TPD;
8. Replaces the words “camp”, “camps”, or “homeless camp” with the words “shelter”, “shelters” or “temporary shelter”.
OUTREACH

• Public Hearings:
  • City Council (7/25/17)
  • City Council (10/10/17)
  • Planning Commission (2/7/18)
  • City Council (3/20/18)

• City staff regularly attend Associated Ministries and Homeless Provider meetings

NEXT STEPS

• March 27, 2018 – City Council Study Session
• March 27, 2018 – First Reading of Ordinance
• April 3, 2018 – Final Reading of Ordinance
• April 15, 2018 – Permanent Regulations Effective
• April 16, 2018 – Interim Regulations Expire
• Ongoing – Additional Education & Outreach
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