



# Temporary Shelters Permanent Regulations

City of Tacoma | Planning & Development Services

City Council Study Session

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Ordinance # 28498



## OVERVIEW



- Permanent Regulations for Temporary Shelters
  - As recommended by Planning Commission
- Create community-led sheltering options for members of homeless community
  - Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents
  - Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs

## ●●● HEALTH, EQUITY & SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS



- Addresses concerns of members of homeless community
- Addresses concerns of homeless providers, other non-profits and religious organizations, citizen volunteers
- Provides dispersion throughout Tacoma, attempts to limit impacts to neighborhoods
- Staff outreach to potential providers has been continuous and robust
- Site specific outreach will take place as applications are submitted

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## ●●● BACKGROUND



- May 2, 2017 - Resolution No. 39716, Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Program
- May 9, 2017 - Ordinance No. 28430, State of Public Health Emergency
- June 6, 2017 - Ordinance No. 28432, interim zoning and land use controls as an emergency measure
- October 17, 2017 - Ordinance No. 28460, retaining and modifying the interim regulations enacted per Ordinance No. 28432
- February 21, 2018 – Planning Commission Recommendation

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## OUTREACH



- **Public Hearings**
  - City Council - July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Interim regulations)
  - City Council - October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Interim regulations)
  - Planning Commission - February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
    - 10 written comments
    - 9 people gave oral testimony
  - City Council - March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018
    - 10 people gave oral testimony
- **NCS and PDS staff regularly attend Associated Ministries and Homeless Provider meetings**

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## PROPOSED REGULATIONS



- **Sponsoring Entity**
  - Includes governmental institutions and the already allowed religious (previous code) or non-profit organizations (interim regulations)
- **Number of Residents**
  - Maintains the number of residents per shelter at the 100 person limit (interim regulations)
- **Types of Sheltering**
  - All wording suggesting specific sheltering types has been removed.
    - Wide variety of sheltering models
- **Site Area and Number of People per Area**
  - Maintains the specific minimum site area required based on the number of people to be housed in the facility.

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## PROPOSED REGULATIONS



- **Maximum Duration of Shelter**
  - Based on best practices and needs of potential providers, the duration to 185 consecutive days with an inclement weather season and natural disaster provision.
- **Recurrence of Shelter at a Specific Site**
  - Recurrence period shortened to six (6) months between end and start date of a shelter hosting period.
- **Number of Shelters Allowed in the City of Tacoma**
  - Increases the total number to six (6) shelters.
    - City-run or -funded facilities will not be exempted.
- **Site Requirements**
  - Additional flexibility by limiting prescriptive regulations

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## PROPOSED REGULATIONS



- **Age of Shelter Inhabitants**
  - Children aged under 18 accompanied by a guardian
- **Facility and Service Provision**
  - More flexible process of evaluation through temporary use permit process.
- **Application Requirements**
  - Signed trespass order with the Tacoma Police Department
  - Self management-oversight model can be proposed
  - Transition plan

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## PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

- Proper notification
- Opportunities for neighbor involvement
- Background checks
- Need permanent supportive housing
- Proactive approach to secure sponsors and hosts
- Longer camp duration with neighborhood support

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## NEXT STEPS

- 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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