

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 – HOMELESS SHELTERS

July 5, 2022

Background

- The City's zoning ordinance currently does not have established use categories for permanent or temporary shelters for persons experiencing homelessness.
- Presently, permanent and temporary housing is permitted in "B-5" (Business District) under the "any commercial use not included in any other district" category.

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- □ The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to:
 - Establish definitions for "emergency shelter," "transitional housing," and "permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness," and
 - Permit these uses by-right within the "R-3A" (Multifamily Apartment Residential) zoning district.

- Emergency shelter for persons experiencing homelessness shall mean a supervised private facility that provides temporary living accommodations for persons experiencing homelessness.
- Permanent supportive housing shall mean a facility providing indefinite leasing or rental assistance with supportive services for disabled persons experiencing homelessness.
- Transitional housing shall mean a facility providing temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.

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- □ The City Council has three (3) alternatives:
 - Do not approve the ordinance;
 - Approve the ordinance with modifications; or
 - Approve the ordinance as presented.

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- Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as presented.
- On June 6, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance as presented by a vote of 5 to 0.