

Narrative Description of the Proposed Land Use – Olympia Crisis Stabilization Center

Parcel Number: 12817411802

Zoning Designation: HDC-4

Proposed Use: Medical/Institutional

Project Summary:

The applicant proposes to develop a Crisis Stabilization Center within the city limits of Olympia, Washington. The purpose of this facility is to provide short-term, voluntary behavioral health services for adults (18+) experiencing acute mental health or substance use crises. The facility will offer an alternative to emergency departments and jail bookings, helping to meet urgent public health needs in Thurston County.

The proposed center will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and will accommodate approximately 16 clients at a time. The typical length of stay will range from 24 to 72 hours. Services will be provided by licensed clinicians, peer support staff, and case managers, in coordination with local behavioral health systems and first responders. There will also be wrap around medical services provided to admitted patients.

Site and Development Details:

- **Facility Size:** 20,000 SQ. FT.
- **Beds:** 16 crisis stabilization beds
- **Design Features:**
 - Secure intake area for law enforcement/EMS
 - Separate walk-in entrance
 - Wrap around medical services spaces
 - Private rooms and treatment spaces
 - Administrative offices and staff facilities
- **Parking:** On-site parking for staff, service vehicles, and limited visitor parking
- **Security:** Low-barrier access with safety and privacy features; no perimeter fencing or correctional features

Zoning and Land Use Context:

The site is currently zoned HDC-4, and the proposed use is anticipated to be classified as medical/institutional. The applicant requests feedback from the City on the appropriate use classification.

Public Services and Utilities:

The site will be served by municipal water, sewer, and stormwater systems. The project will include new utility connections or upgrades as required. Emergency access will be coordinated with Olympia Fire and Police Departments.

Traffic and Access:

The facility is expected to generate low daily trip volumes, as it will not function as a high-traffic outpatient clinic. Access will be designed to accommodate law enforcement drop-offs, emergency medical services, and scheduled transportation by behavioral health agencies.

Environmental and Site Considerations:

The applicant is currently assessing site-specific environmental factors, including critical areas, stormwater, and grading. The project will comply with SEPA and City environmental review requirements, including any relevant wetlands, tree protection, or shoreline rules, as applicable.

Conclusion:

The proposed Crisis Stabilization Center will provide a critical public health service to Olympia and Thurston County by offering a safe, supportive environment for individuals in behavioral health crisis. We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure the project meets all applicable requirements and integrates successfully into the community.