

October 19, 2018

Dear Mayor Selby and City Council Members,

I attended both the Planning Commission Session on October 15 and the City Council Study session on October 16. I testified on Monday my grave concerns over the lack of safety focus on specifically the misalignment of the amendment to the City ordinance and the LIHI code of conduct. It is your duty to make sure that those documents match up. From what was proposed from one night to the next, they do not. Furthermore, there was a large contingent of St. Michael Parish School parents and community members in the gallery for the City Council meeting. As a public employee myself, I know that the goal of these types of meetings are educational and the need for construction feedback is essential. I do not appreciate Mr. Gilman, when you question the motives of this community. Sir, you need to check your assumptions and your condescension when it comes to community outreach and concern for those most vulnerable. St. Michaels is a pillar in this community when it comes to social service programs. On this topic in particular, the parish and greater community has decades of supportive programs like the Men's Shelter, the Shoulder to Shoulder financial assistance program and several more. I urge you and your cohort to check the St. Michael Parish website for the outreach already active. As a council person you are all tasked with representing all of your constituents, not just those that stroke your ego and personal bias. You did that quite well when you all fawned over the support measure of I-1691 at the City Council meeting.

Again, I am most interested in aligning the code of conduct of the management vendor, LIHI, with that of the City Council ordinance. The testimony by Amy Brechner sought to deflect the striking of weapons from the ordinance as a violation of constitutional rights. At the same time, she went on about how there is no verifiable way to ask for identification. Help me here. If a person doesn't have verifiable ID and they supposedly have a concealed pistol permit, you need verification of real ID to do that. I know, because I just applied for a permit on Wednesday. I am asking as a contributing citizen of this community for you to please be brave and ask some tougher questions and make some hard choices that long term will mitigate very real and present risks. I work in risk management, and the worst thing to ever happen is usually the first time it ever happens. You know why, because we don't take the time to vet and look at real risks and someone willing to stand up and speak for those most effected. In this case those, physically located near and around the risk. You have two elementary schools literally around the corner. You cannot tell me that isn't a risk or that you don't want to "go negative" Councilman Cooper. Would you rather see it "go negative" when someone's child is stuck by a drug needle thrown in the bushes when they are on recess? There is cause and proximate cause, this location is a proximate cause and contributing factor to the increase in risk to neighbors around this location. Another issue I see no information is on the liability of negligence. Does the Washington Cities Insurance Authority, your risk pool, aware of the liability risks associated with this? Are you as a member of said risk pool, transferring that to LIHI? What are LIHI's general liability limits? Bluntly, who gets sued? Because in my experience, its everyone, and that is almost always tax payers.

Furthermore, the Executive Director from LIHI did not answer adequately the questions posed by Mayor Pro Tem Jones. Specifically, the amount of time a resident is housed. If this is labeled as emergency and temporary housing, that definition emotes that a time limit is applied. It should not be hard to say what that time limit is and be transparent about the consequences of removing someone if they exceed

the mission of what this is based on in their code of conduct. If you are so supportive of self-governance for residents, that should not be a hard one to comply with. The very nature of this type of housing is meant to be transitional or is that just for publicity sake?

I kept hearing from people who spoke at the meeting that you have a tough job. You sought this job. No one is forcing you to be there on that council, you must listen to all sides. Please recognize the 40+ people that came to support each other at your meeting. You are tasked with providing guidance on making decisions on solutions. I understand you are responding to a need, rightfully so. The 40 people being housed here and all the other efforts the City is doing, it is not going to solve all 800+ homeless people. So pushing through this initiative so that you can say, "you did something" is not good enough. Not good enough for our city, our homeless, or yourselves. Do not misread this – DOING NOTHING IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH EITHER. But I will not support sacrificing safety for too much unmitigated risk while these simple policies don't match. You may see this as a legal loophole you're getting out of, I see it as a clear way you are offloading your duty of care. What am I asking you to do? Put the restrictions back in the city ordinance that restrict all alcohol, weapons and checks/monitoring on sex offenders. That is not too much to ask for people receiving shelter, amenities, and more than likely, their life back at no cost. We must help these people in particular with their dignity. It is dignity itself that asks us to hold ourselves accountable and put "skin in the game".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Kerrigan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Stacey Ray  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Temporary Housing Facilities Ordinance OMC 18.50  
  
**Importance:** High

Hi Amy,

Rad received this comment on the EHO—can we add it to the staff report today? The other options is to print and bring hard copies to the meeting on Monday.

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**From:** Rad Cunningham  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 6:17 AM  
**To:** Stacey Ray <rray@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Fw: Emergency Temporary Housing Facilities Ordinance OMC 18.50

Hi Stacey,

Can you add this to the housing ordinance comments please?

Thanks,

-Rad

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**From:** Erin Parsons <parsonserine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 10:27 PM  
**To:** Rad Cunningham  
**Subject:** Emergency Temporary Housing Facilities Ordinance OMC 18.50

Dear Rad Cunningham,

This email is to support the current amendments to the Emergency Temporary Housing Facilities Ordinance (OMC 18.50), as proposed by Just Housing, and to encourage their becoming permanent.

I would like to enthusiastically applaud and support the following amendments to this ordinance:

- no cap on the number of temporary encampments permitted at any given time
- ability for faith communities, non-profits, and all units of gov't to host encampments
- allowance for encampments to remain in place for one year (with the option of extension)

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Just Housing <contact@justhousingolympia.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** Rad Cunningham; Carole Richmond; Tammy Adams; Kento Azegami; Paula Ehlers; Travis Burns; Candi Millar; Joel Baxter  
**Cc:** Steve Hall; Amy Buckler; Keith Stahley; Colin DeForrest  
**Subject:** Just Housing feedback on OMC 18.50  
**Attachments:** Updated Just Housing Feedback on OMC 18.50.doc; Updated Just Housing Feedback on OMC 18.50.pdf

Hello Chair, Vice Chair, and Commissioners,

In preparation for tonight's public hearing on OMC 18.50, we are sending you an updated version of Just Housing's feedback on the ordinance and the amendments currently under consideration. Please see the documents attached.

Much of our feedback and suggested additional changes are unchanged from the feedback we previously submitted to the City of Olympia in June 2018.

However, in light of the recent 9th Circuit Court decision related to the case of Martin vs. Boise, we do have some additional questions and suggestions about how the decision might impact the city's use of this ordinance. You will find these updated questions & suggestions on the first page of our feedback.

You will also find newer questions/suggestions on the last two pages.

Thank you for your work.

Just Housing

## **Just Housing Feedback on Amended Version of OMC 18.50 (Updated 10/12/2018)**

### **Thoughts & questions related to the impact of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decision on this ordinance**

In response to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court's decision, related to the case of Martin vs. Boise, the City of Olympia is considering designating multiple, "no-barrier" sites for camping. Based on beginning conversations about this concept, it seems clear that these sites would not be expected, nor be able, to meet the requirements of this ordinance.

- Considering the court's decision and the city's potential response to it, what does the city see the role of this ordinance being in our larger homeless response plan? Is it necessary for the city to rethink the purpose, regulations, and enforcement of this ordinance?
- Is the City of Olympia considering these potential "no-barrier" sites as Temporary Emergency Housing Facilities? Is the intention that this ordinance be used as a tool to regulate these sites? If so, will it be necessary to consider amending/removing more of the barriers/regulations in this ordinance so that it can be realistically used to regulate these sites?
- Is the purpose of this ordinance only to regulate sites like the Plum Street Village and not to serve as a regulatory tool for other responses, like "no-barrier" designated sites?
- The main determination of the court was that it is unconstitutional to criminalize people sleeping outdoors if there are no legal alternative locations for them to go to. So, as long as Olympia does not have an adequate number of legal options for people, is it constitutional to enforce this ordinance?
  - o Ex. If a non-profit were to overnight start allowing people to camp on their property, without going through the permitting process & without having enough money to create "adequate parking spaces" or to pay for fencing- would it be constitutional to close the camp for being in violation of this ordinance?

**If the City of Olympia is considering these potential "no-barrier" sites as Temporary Emergency Housing Facilities, Just Housing encourages the city to rethink the purpose and regulations of this ordinance, so that it may better align with this new direction being explored.** This might look like:

- Removing regulations that are unrealistic/unable to be enforced on "no-barrier" sites and/or that are not essential for ensuring the immediate health and safety of residents/neighbors (permit requirements, parking, fencing, ID/screening requirements, keeping a log of nightly residents/guests etc).
- Shifting the purpose of the ordinance away from focusing on screening, permitting, management, and rule requirements. Instead, focusing more on:
  - o Designating "appropriate" locations for sites
  - o Fire safety
  - o Detailing the roles of entities like city government, law enforcement, Code Enforcement, and Parks & Recreation, as they relate to all emergency facilities (low, high, and no-barrier).
  - o Describing policies for how to respond to challenges that arise with the emergency facilities (garbage, human waste, needles, safety concerns, behavioral challenges, criminal activity). For example, what might a communication/partnership plan look like with local service providers who can help with responding to these concerns?

- Detailing circumstances where a site must be closed/moved (ex. order from an outside entity like the Department of Ecology or an un-solvable safety concern like being too close to flammable gas/objects).
- Detailing how any necessary re-locations will be handled.

**If the City of Olympia only intends to use this ordinance to regulate sites similar to the Plum Street Village, here is Just Housing’s feedback:**

Firstly, we want to recognize and applaud the significant changes that are included in the proposed amended version of ordinance 18.50. If approved, we believe that most of the proposed amendments will improve our community’s ability to meet the need for more legal shelter. Specifically, we enthusiastically support the following proposed amendments:

- Removal of the cap on the number of encampments that can exist at one time.
- Extending the time an encampment can be permitted in one location to greater than one year.
- Removing the ban on creating a new encampment on the same property as a previous encampment for a period of 1 year after the creation of the previous encampment.
- Including language that encourages harm-reduction practices and self-governance.
- Enabling the creation of both low-barrier and high-barrier encampments by removing bans on alcohol & legal weapons, and by empowering hosts/sponsors to decide on rules for the encampment they are hosting.
- Permitting non-profits and units of government to host emergency housing facilities
- Amending the ban on “loud disturbances” to banning, “Noise or music in excess of the limits set forth in OMC 18.40.080”

While we support and commend these proposed changes, we also recognize the absence of other changes we proposed. We feel strongly that their absence will limit our ability to meet the needs of our community, despite the positive impacts of the previously mentioned amendments. Therefore, we believe that the following changes should be considered and discussed further, before omitting them from the proposed amended ordinance. We have also included our reasons for why we see these changes as being so important to the success of the amended ordinance and questions for further discussion and consideration.

1. **Allow for encampments to be permitted on private property.** The amended version of the ordinance still does not allow for private property owners to host emergency housing facilities.

Why we believe this change merits further consideration and discussion:

- Enabling private property owners to host facilities expands the types of solutions we can explore. We know that there is an interest among some private property owners (from residential home owners to large property owners) in hosting people surviving in tents. Numerous existing encampments, including some of our community’s largest, are currently located on private property with the knowledge and support of the property owners. Others exist with the knowledge and lack of support by the property owner, sometimes because the camp’s presence on their property presently constitutes a code violation. Finding ways to support and embrace community-based solutions like this, rather than banning them, has huge potential for opening doors to new, creative, and effective solutions. These camps on private property also perform a huge public service as they provide relatively safe locations for people to live in the absence of legal alternatives. If these camps were to be closed, many of these residents would end up downtown,

further exacerbating the challenges already posed by the large number of unsheltered people camping in the downtown core.

#### Question for consideration

- What are the specific liability risks/costs the city might incur if they were to allow for private property owners to host encampments? If such liability risks/costs were to arise, how could they be mitigated without simply dismissing the possibility of facilities hosted by private property owners? In other words, how do we find that one way to say “yes,” rather than the multiple ways to say “no”?
2. **Lower-barrier background checks/reporting requirements.** The amended version of ordinance 18.50 has the same background check/reporting requirements as the original. The requirements are high-barrier and limit the potential effectiveness of the ordinance. Again, we ask that the city seriously consider replacing the background check/reporting requirements with an agreement like the one the City of Olympia has with The Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter. The primary aspects of this agreement we support are:
- Only required to screen the guest through the sex offender registry. No requirement to do a background check that includes screening for warrants.
  - Completing background checks based on name given, rather than requiring ID.

**We also support enabling host/sponsor agencies to determine who can and cannot access their shelter/encampment.** (Ex. Allowing the agencies to determine what levels of sex offenders-if any- they will accept and whether or not they will accept people with active warrants.)

#### Why we believe this change merits further consideration and discussion:

- The IFWEOS background check/reporting model has been successful enough to not require amendments since the shelter began.
- Background checks/reporting requirements are currently one of the most significant barriers keeping people from accessing shelter and services. Failing to adopt lower-barrier screening requirements will severely limit who the amended version of the ordinance will impact, as a sizeable number of people will still be unable to access safe and legal shelter.
- There are no laws that ban people with sex offenses (with the exception of sex offenses involving minors) from private, religious, or public property. Not enabling hosts to decide at their own discretion who they will allow at their encampment is creating an unnecessary barrier.
- Making it so that all sex offenders cannot access any sanctioned tent city makes our community more unsafe. It is statistically proven that the more unstable their living conditions are, the more likely it is that people with sex offenses will re-offend. This is why people’s sex offender level increases when they become homeless. Enabling hosts/sponsors to determine what levels- if any- of sex offenders they will accept increases the likelihood that even people with sex offenses will be able to access safe and legal shelter, improving the general safety of our community.
- A considerable number of people living on the streets do not have ID and are unable to obtain it for numerous reasons (inability to obtain other proof of identification, costs, no address, etc).
- Requiring ID conflicts with Olympia’s status as a Sanctuary City, as undocumented immigrants do not have and are unable to obtain legal ID.

**In general, we would encourage the Planning Commission and The Olympia City Council to consider removing any requirement that is not absolutely essential for ensuring the immediate**

**health and safety of facility residents and neighbors. The lower the barriers, the more likely it is that more community groups will be able to step up to provide more facilities.**

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## **Additional questions about specific passages in the Amended Version of OMC 18.50**

### 18.50.060 Emergency Housing Facility

#### A. Site Criteria

##### 1. Emergency Housing Facility

e. No permanent structures will be constructed for the Emergency Housing Facility.

**Q. What makes a structure considered “permanent”? Could makeshift shelters, other than tents, still fall within this guideline? What about tiny houses or similar structures that the city seems open to considering?**

f. No more than forty (40) residents shall be allowed at any one encampment. The City may further limit the number of residents as site conditions dictate.

#### **Q. Why is this not being left to the judgment/discretion of the facility host or sponsor?**

g. Adequate on-site parking shall be provided for the Emergency Housing Facility. No off-site parking will be allowed. The number of vehicles used by the Emergency Housing Facility residents shall be provided in the permit application. If the Emergency Housing Facility is located on a site that has another preexisting use, it shall be shown that the Emergency Housing Facility parking will not create a shortage of on-site parking for the other use/s on the property.

**Q. Why is this necessary? Is this a restriction that other downtown residential areas have to abide by? Couldn't a system for residents with vehicles and employees/volunteers be worked out to get monthly passes for their cars downtown, just as other downtown housed residents, employees, and volunteers do? A lot of potential sites, particularly on church property, have very limited parking, which is one reason why this regulation could present a significant barrier to creating emergency housing facilities.**

i. The Emergency Housing Facility shall be adequately buffered and screened from adjacent right-of-way and residential properties. Screening shall be a minimum height of six (6) feet and may include, but is not limited to a combination of fencing, landscaping, or the placement of the Emergency Housing Facility behind buildings. The type of screening shall be approved by the City.

**Q. Why is this necessary? Usually fencing is used for the security purposes of those within. The wording of this section seems to imply that the purpose would be to shield the emergency housing facility from the view of the general public. This could be problematic for two reasons: 1) It seems like it could present another significant obstacle to creating an adequate # of emergency housing facilities, both due to the cost & the possibility that a fence of this size/type would not be workable with the host property. 2) If the purpose is to “shield” the emergency housing facility from view, it increases harm by perpetuating divides between different members of our community and perpetuating the marginalization of houseless folks by continuing to try and render folks “invisible”**



- j. All sanitary portable toilets shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights-of-way. The type of screening shall be approved by the City and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of fencing and/or landscaping.

**Q. Why is this necessary? As it represents yet another cost to the host/sponsoring agency, it could be another barrier. Are all bathrooms and port-a-potties required to be screened in Olympia? Are screens required at construction sites?**

## B. Security

### 1. Emergency Housing Facility

- b. The Host Agency ... address the following issues:

- iii. Any open flames are prohibited.

**Q. Many facility residents depend on propane-fueled camp stoves and wood fires for warming, and especially for cooking. This complete prohibition is going to create a major hardship and barrier for viable facilities. What safety precautions, procedures, or permitting processes could make the risks of open flames acceptable, especially recognizing that there might be no practical alternatives? What alternatives does the City have in mind for facility residents to use for cooking or warming purposes? Could these be left to the judgment/discretion of the facility host or sponsor?**

- h. The Host or Sponsoring Agency will appoint a designated representative ... will orient law enforcement how the security tent operates for the Emergency Housing Facility. The name of the on-duty designated representative will be posted daily in the security tent. The City shall provide contact numbers of non-emergency personnel, which shall be posted at the security tent.

**Q. The requirement for a facility to have a security tent has already been removed from this amended version of the ordinance. Do these references to "security tent" still have relevance? Is there another way for the security concerns here to be met?**

## D. Health and Safety.

- 1. Emergency Housing Facility. The Emergency Housing Facility shall conform to the following fire requirements:

- a. There shall be no open fires for cooking without pre-approval by the Olympia Fire Department and no open fires for heating;
- b. No heating appliances within the individual tents are allowed without pre-approval by the Olympia Fire Department;

**Q. See our Questions regarding open flames referenced in B. 1. b. iii. above. Furthermore, does the Olympia Fire Department have procedures in place for issuing such pre-approvals? If so, what are they and what impacts are they likely to have on facility residents trying to prepare meals or warm themselves? If not, is this something the Olympia Fire Department is prepared to develop, implement, and enforce; or is this**

**beyond their reasonable scope of engagement? As noted in B. 1. b. iii. above, what safety precautions, procedures, or permitting processes could make the risks of open fires acceptable, especially recognizing that there might be no practical alternatives? What alternatives does the City have in mind for facility residents to use for cooking or warming purposes? Could these be left to the judgment/discretion of the facility host or sponsor?**

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 8:16 AM  
**To:** scottleb@hotmail.com  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** FW: St. Michael's School - Concerned Parents  
**Attachments:** City council letter.docx

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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**From:** Scott LeBlanc <scottleb@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** St. Michael's School - Concerned Parents

Good day,

As a parent of three children who are attending St. Michael's Catholic School, I wanted to share some of the concerns regarding the proposed homeless shelter plan in the vicinity of the school.

Regards.

Scott LeBlanc

18 October 2018

Olympia Town Council

SUBJECT: HOMELESS SHELTER PROPOSAL

To whom it may concern,

**Discussion**

1. As a parent of students attending St. Michael’s Catholic School, I have several concerns regarding the recent city council decision to build a “tiny house village” in vicinity of the school grounds. While most acknowledge that visible homelessness in Olympia is a problem that the city needs to address, it is the current proposed solution that is being scrutinized. It appears that the proposed plan does not fully address the safety and security hazards related to the school population at St. Michael’s. Additionally, it seems that the proposed solution to homelessness lacks a comprehensive approach in that it is focus on short-term rather than enduring effects.

**Frame the environment**

2. In developing feasible solutions to problem sets, it is important to first frame the environment that characterizes the problem in question. As we examine the system of homelessness in Olympia, there are several key variables to consider: the actors and their interests.

3. In the current environment, we have five key actors each of which possesses their respective interests. These actors include the homeless population, the school population, the Catholic School, the Catholic Church, and the city’s political body.

i. **Homeless population.** For the homeless population, the most obvious issue is the lack of shelter. While this is the most glaring issue, it is also a peripheral/symptomatic problem and does not constitute the core problem set. We must acknowledge that addictions, mental / emotional health issues, and employment/financial insecurity define the core problem set.

**Interests:** Within this population, there are those for which homelessness is a lifestyle choice. They gladly take advantage of the charity provided by individuals and the city. There are those who suffer from addictions and mental illness, which sometimes results in a variety of crimes ranging from theft and violence to sexual offenses. These pose a risk to the community at large, particularly to the most vulnerable. Lastly, there are those who have suffered financial misfortune. They likely possess the desire to reverse their situation and will make effective use of public assistance. Unfortunately, it is difficult to distinguish the homeless population according to these three categories. This is part of the inherent risk in building a shelter in relative close proximity to a school, particularly where the flow of the homeless population coincides with the school property.

ii. **School population.** The school population makes up the second group in the current environment. This population has subsets: the schoolchildren, the school staff, and the parents.

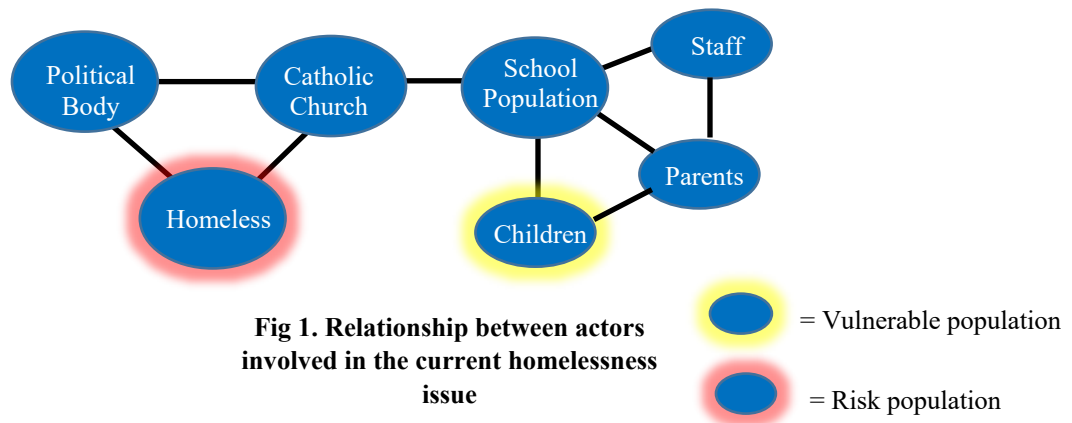
**Interests:** The school staff and parents have a shared moral and legal responsibility to provide for the safety and welfare of the children. The expectation is that the school environment in which the children are immersed will be safe and be conducive to their cognitive, emotional, and spiritual development. Due to their young age, the children attending St. Michael’s must be viewed as a vulnerable population, which school staff and parents have a mission and duty to protect. Moreover, staff and parents must also prevent and/or mitigate risk to this vulnerable population. To do otherwise is not an acceptable option.

iii. **Catholic Church.** The third group is the Catholic Church, which is co-located with the school.

**Interests:** The Catholic Church has an interest in providing spiritual oversight of St. Michael’s school. It also has an important interest and spiritual mandate in providing acts of charity to those in need from all segments of society. The Church, due to the services it provides on church grounds, attracts segments of the homeless population. While the Catholic Church willingly assumes some risk in its interactions with homeless individuals, this risk should not be imposed on the school’s vulnerable young student population.

iv. **Political body.** The fourth group is Olympia’s political body (elected officials, policy makers, police).

**Interests:** It has an ethical and legal responsibility to establish and execute policies that foster enduring conditions for a well-ordered and safe community. However, political expediency sometimes leads to the enactment of policies that seek short-term reactionary solutions rather than enduring comprehensive solutions.



4. In consideration of the various actors and interests involved, the desired end state in dealing with homelessness should be the provision of enduring and comprehensive solutions whereby the homeless are provided temporary shelter and, more importantly, are given the resources to transform their conditions. This should be achieved through a targeted and coordinated approach by the political body (elected officials, policy makers, and police) and the Catholic Church.

**Frame the problem (problem statement)**

5. In light of the complexities involved in homelessness, the challenge is as follows:

How does the city of Olympia, in coordination with St. Michael's Catholic Church and community stakeholders, develop an integrated plan to provide both shelter and assistance (counselling, mental health, education, and job training) to those individuals who show the desire and potential to fix the core causes of their homelessness in order to transform them into stable and contributing members of society while limiting the risk of harm to a vulnerable school population as well as to the community at large?

**Recommendation / Observation**

6. The intent of this letter is not to prescribe a detailed solution to what is a complex issue. However, in this brief attempt to layout the current system dynamics, it is apparent that risk and security are key themes that cannot be ignored. The city's proposed plan to focus on mere shelter seems to be a short term and non-enduring solution. As such, the city's plan for a homeless shelter (tiny village concept) is focused on providing immediate and tangible effects that create a false metric in regards to dealing with homelessness. Notwithstanding, the most vital narrative in this case should be the one of the school, the parents, and the Church. The young students of St. Michael's did not ask to be placed at heightened risk to harm whether it is overt or unanticipated. The adults and parents of the school, Church, and larger Olympia community should place their safety and security as a priority above all others. Therefore, any government policy should be worked around the security and safety of our children. To willingly compromise their safety is a breach of trust and is negligent particularly when motivated by political expediency.

Scott LeBlanc

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest  
**Subject:** FW: Plum Street Village

There will be a few more to follow this one here.

-Ash

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Todd Newlean <tnewlean@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 6:31 PM  
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**Subject:** Plum Street Village

As the parent of a 2nd-grader at St. Michael School, i would ask that you ensure the ongoing safety of our children and surrounding community and businesses by ensuring that the Plum Street Village is not a "low-barrier" housing village. If, as Colin DeForrest claims, this is truly a transitional living space setup to get vulnerable adults back on their feet, then I think it would serve everybody to ensure that rules are in place to prohibit all weapons, drugs (including marijuana), and alcohol from the premises. This would help provide a clean environment for those on the street who are looking to win their battle with addiction and would ensure drunk or high individuals are not wandering around within shouting distance of St. Mike's and Madison Elementary.

I see the homeless population growing week by week downtown, but please don't make the lack of planning by prior city councils a reason to short-change vulnerable children and adults by not having rules and regulations in place to promote a healthy, positive living space for those who truly need it.

Thank you for considering this,  
Todd Newlean

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Stacey Ray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest  
**Subject:** FW: Homeless

**Importance:** High

Amy and Colin,

This came to me on Friday. Again, not sure if its intended for Planning Commission's record.

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**From:** L Arwine <arwine@live.com>  
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**To:** Stacey Ray <rray@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Homeless

Give the homeless some type of an incentive or credits somehow to keep their encampments clean. Just because you're homeless doesn't mean garbage has to be everywhere

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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 8:34 AM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Ordinance for Emergency (Homeless) Housing Facilities Hosted by Faith-Based Organizations, Not-for-Profit Organizations or Units of Government

[Another one](#)

**From:** April Outlaw <aoutlaw13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Ordinance for Emergency (Homeless) Housing Facilities Hosted by Faith-Based Organizations, Not-for-Profit Organizations or Units of Government

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Thank you for your time,

April Outlaw

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 8:06 AM  
**To:** April Outlaw  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Ordinance for Emergency (Homeless) Housing Facilities Hosted by Faith-Based Organizations, Not-for-Profit Organizations or Units of Government

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360-753-8244 sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

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**From:** April Outlaw <aoutlaw13@gmail.com>  
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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 1:27 PM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Attention: Planning Commission - In Support of Homeless Ordinance

Does this one go to you?

-Ash

**From:** Whitney Bowerman <whitneybowerman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 11:54 AM  
**To:** cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Attention: Planning Commission - In Support of Homeless Ordinance

Dear Members of the Olympia Planning Commission,

I wanted to drop you a quick note today in support of the current amendments to OMC 18.50. I would also like to see added an amendment permitting private property owners to host encampments. Having this flexibility in our code is critical given the housing crisis we are immersed in.

I volunteer regularly with local homeless services, including providing support to encampments. The conditions in which many of our unhoused neighbors are living are abhorrent. Just last week I met a young gentleman who had moved into a camp where I help provide laundry services. This gentleman has one arm, one leg, and is in a wheelchair, living in the woods in spite of tremendous mobility and medical issues. The least our community could do is provide him with a safe, legal place to sleep. With a little support, the camp conditions could be so much better!

I often feel like we get stuck doing nothing in our effort to not do something sub-par. While housing is the eventual goal, in the meantime we need to be doing better, even if it's not good enough. We need to take baby steps. These amendments will help with providing people safe, legal places to sleep as we work towards solving the broader issues.

Thanks so much for your time and effort on this!

Whitney Bowerman  
1515 10th Ave SE  
Olympia WA 98501  
360-556-0337

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Keith Stahley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance

FYI:

-----Original Message-----

From: Ashley Caines  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 9:31 AM  
To: Colin DeForrest <cdeforre@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Cc: Keith Stahley <kstahley@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Leonard Bauer <lbauer@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance

Please see below.

Thanks,  
-Ash

-----Original Message-----

From: Matt DeBord <matt\_debord@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 7:54 PM  
To: cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance

City of Olympia Planning Commission,

Here are my requested changes to the ordinance:

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Retain requirement for that alcohol is prohibited

Retain requirement that weapons are prohibited.

Retain requirement that sex offenders and those with outstanding warrants are rejected.

Thank you.

Matt DeBord  
Olympia

Sent from my iPhone

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Housing Plan

Actually this is the last one for now

-Ash

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**From:** Mayleen Panaligan <pinay15@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:04 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Emergency Housing Plan

To whom it may concern,

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- screening for sex offenders
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Thank you for your time,  
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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:56 AM  
**To:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency housing project

Forwarding you guys this one from CP&D email.

-Ash

**From:** Jered Boyd <[olyboyds@gmail.com](mailto:olyboyds@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 10:28 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <[citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us)>; cpdinfo <[cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us)>  
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I am a parent of 5 children at St. Michael school, a teacher at the school, and a parishioner. As a Catholics, we believe that each person has value and dignity and these traits need to be honored and protected from conception to natural death. Which is why Catholics feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, shelter the homeless and visit the imprisoned to name some popular activities. During the planning commission meeting, the phrase "most vulnerable in society" came up regularly.

As you continue to refine policies and ordinances for homeless housing (which currently means policy for the Plum Street site) please continue to consider the following:

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- 6) If one site cannot be within 1000 ft of another site, what does that say about the need to restrict proximity to schools, daycares, and parks. There is currently no restriction on proximity to these places. This lack of restriction fails to protect the most vulnerable of society.

I am listening to my wife talk about the study session.  
And a few questions:

How many people want to be homeless? This may sound cruel but the reality is that some people do not want to or cannot integrate back into society as productive citizens. They have dignity and need to be cared for but not in a way that puts the most vulnerable at risk.

Is the purpose of the site to help people "get back on there feet"?

Why couldn't the LIHI people answer many questions directly, with facts, or success stories? Shouldn't that be a concern?

I also would like to be on record as saying that I am in favor of housing for the homeless but just not so close to schools, etc. Thank you reading and listening to everyone's concerns.

- Jered Boyd

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Stacey Ray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest  
**Subject:** FW: Homeless

**Importance:** High

Amy and Colin,

This came to me on Friday. Again, not sure if its intended for Planning Commission's record.

Stacey Ray, Senior Planner  
City of Olympia | Community Planning and Development  
601 4th Avenue East | PO Box 1967, Olympia WA 98507-1967  
360.753.8046 | olympiawa.gov

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**From:** L Arwine <arwine@live.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** Stacey Ray <rray@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Homeless

Give the homeless some type of an incentive or credits somehow to keep their encampments clean. Just because you're homeless doesn't mean garbage has to be everywhere

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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:57 AM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Homeless camp

[Here is another one](#)

**From:** Cari Pearson <cougrn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 8:12 PM  
**To:** cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Cc:** cityycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us  
**Subject:** Homeless camp

To whom it may concern,

As a concerned Saint Michael School parent, I urge you to reject the current amendment to the Emergency Housing Plan that would allow sex offenders to legally reside less than a block away from my children's school. I urge you to protect all children in the vicinity by requiring:

- screening for sex offenders
- prohibiting weapons, drugs and alcohol
- prioritizing for the lowest risk applicants
- requiring an on-duty manager be present at housing facility 24/7

I recognize there is a homeless crisis in Olympia and appreciate action is being taken to assist those in need. My concern is in attempting to quickly address this crisis the City will be creating a dangerous atmosphere in neglecting to protect children in the community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Cari Pearson  
St. Michael School Parent  
425-773-8849

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Cari Pearson  
[CougRN@gmail.com](mailto:CougRN@gmail.com)

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: in support of amendments to OMC 18.50/Temporary Housing

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandia <sandia@fertileground.org>  
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 2:00 PM  
To: cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: in support of amendments to OMC 18.50/Temporary Housing

Dear Chair and Council members:

My name is Sandia Slaby and I live at 1827 Legion Way SE; Olympia 98501

Too many are house less in our community.

Some more shelters are needed

More of those need to be 'low barrier' to best serve the population that exists, to serve all our citizens most humanely & with less possibility of discriminating against human rights.

Not all houseless are criminals, which is important to remember.

Everyone deserves a safe place to find rest and be able to pursue happiness.

Thank you for you hard work on this subject. It isn't an easy issue, I know.

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Plum Street Tiny House Village

Hey, we received this email and I wanted to see if you guys wouldn't mind following up on it?

Thanks,

-Ash

**From:** Victoria Byrd <[vubyrd@gmail.com](mailto:vubyrd@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 2:28 PM  
**To:** cpdinfo <[cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us)>; CityCouncil <[citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Plum Street Tiny House Village

To whom this may concern;

It has come to our attention as parents of St. Michael Parish School that a Tiny House Village has been approved to develop just down the street from our elementary school and Madison Elementary School. While I am vehemently opposed to the proposition that this site will be used to house homeless so close in proximity to these two schools, it seems the decision to go forward with this plan has already been made. So, instead of ranting about how enraged as a parent I am that this was snuck in under the radar in hopes no one would notice, I would like to ask that you please think carefully about the process in which you plan this community.

Tonight, you will be having a session to discuss changes to the housing ordinance that could drastically effect the campus of both these schools. I have a 7 and a 9 year old daughter I stay home with and will not be able to attend with other parents, so I would like to make my voice heard any way I can.

I am asking- near begging- not to allow drugs, alcohol, and registered sex offenders to live so near the schools of our children. The safety of those who do not have a voice in this matter must be protected. By allowing the changes to go through you are opening our children to risk that is unfathomable. If even one child is effected by this plan it is one too many. I as a parent could not live with myself if I knew what I had done or not done allowed a child to be harmed.

As a pharmacist, I have seen what drug addiction can do to a person- someone addicted to narcotics held up our pharmacy at gunpoint before I became staff there...to allow residents of this village to use substances is fostering addiction problems that will not help them find jobs and get off the streets...which is the intent of this village.

Having a set of standards that truly vets residents that wish to have this opportunity for temporary housing that will allow them an address to apply for jobs and end their homelessness should be part of the application process.

I understand there is an abundant population of homeless in Olympia and something needs to be done for the benefit of not only the tax paying citizens of the town, but also the homeless and vulnerable. I agree we should

be coming together to find solutions for the problem. I just don't feel this needs to be in such close proximity to our innocent children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and please think carefully about all the neighbors of this community when planning this ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Byrd

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:42 AM  
**To:** Christina CahillHu  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Homeless Shelter

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant  
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**From:** Christina CahillHu <ccahillhu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:19 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Homeless Shelter

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**From:** "Christina CahillHu" <[ccahillhu@gmail.com](mailto:ccahillhu@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Oct 16, 2018 5:11 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Homeless Shelter  
**To:** <[citycouncil@ci.wa.us](mailto:citycouncil@ci.wa.us)>  
**Cc:**

Good Evening,

I am a concerned parent with 3 young children at St. Michael School. I urge you to reject the current emergency housing plan that would allow sex offenders to legally live a block away from my children's school.

I realize there is a homeless issue in olympia but hope the city council can recognize the risks to children in the vicinity. Besides St.Michael School, Madison Elementary is right down the street and I often see teens walking to and from the Avanti High School. I also see teens waiting at the bus stop on Union.

Please take steps to protect the community around the area by not allowing sex offenders to reside there, prohibiting drugs, alcohol and weapons and providing an on duty manager to be present 24/7.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Christina Cahill Hu

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Stacey Ray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** Leonard Bauer; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency Housing Ordinance

The written record was left open until Friday at 5:00 PM, so comments that come in before then can be added to the packet for Nov. 5. Zulaika forwarded one additional comment that came into cpdinfo on Sunday, while I'll forward to you, Amy.

Stacey Ray, Senior Planner  
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From: Leonard Bauer  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 11:14 AM  
To: Stacey Ray <sray@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Amy Buckler <abuckler@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance  
Importance: High

This came in yesterday via cpdinfo, but appears to be intended as public testimony on the Emergency Housing Ordinance currently before the OPC.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ashley Caines  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 9:31 AM  
To: Colin DeForrest <cdeforre@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Cc: Keith Stahley <kstahley@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Leonard Bauer <lbauer@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance

Please see below.

Thanks,  
-Ash

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Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 7:54 PM  
To: cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
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Olympia

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## Amy Buckler

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:43 AM  
**To:** Jered Boyd  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency housing project

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**From:** Jered Boyd <olyboyds@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 10:28 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
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- Jered Boyd

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 1:30 PM  
**To:** colleenking47@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Low barrier shelter near schools

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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360-753-8244 sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

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From: colleenking47@gmail.com <colleenking47@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:54 PM  
To: CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: Low barrier shelter near schools

To whom it may concern,

As a concerned Saint Michael School parent, I urge you to reject the current amendment to the Emergency Housing Plan that would allow sex offenders to legally reside less than a block away from my child's school. I urge you to protect all children in the vicinity by requiring:

- screening for sex offenders
- prohibiting weapons, drugs and alcohol
- prioritizing for the lowest risk applicants
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I recognize there is a homeless crisis in Olympia and appreciate action is being taken to assist those in need. My concern is in attempting to quickly address this crisis the City will be creating a dangerous atmosphere in neglecting to protect children in the community.

Thank you for your time,

Colleen King

Sent from my iPhone

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** Lucy Rojas  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: New "Plum Street Tiny House Village" HUGE MISTAKE!!!!!!

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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**From:** Lucy Rojas <lucy\_rc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 1:33 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** New "Plum Street Tiny House Village" HUGE MISTAKE!!!!!!

To whom it may concern,

As a concerned Saint Michael School parent, and also as a WA State Board for Community and Technical Colleges' employee (yes, right across street from Saint Michael Parish and School):

**I urge you to reject the current amendment to the Emergency Housing Plan that would allow sex offenders to legally reside less than a block away from my child's school.**

**I urge you to protect all children in the vicinity by requiring:**

- screening for sex offenders
- prohibiting weapons, drugs and alcohol
- prioritizing for the lowest risk applicants
- requiring an on-duty manager be present at housing facility 24/7
- requiring police enforcement be present around the area 24/7

I recognize there is a homeless crisis in Olympia and appreciate action is being taken to assist those in need. My concern is in attempting to quickly address this crisis the City will be creating a dangerous atmosphere in neglecting to protect children in the community.

I truly believe that the location chosen for this shelter is a HUGE MISTAKE, I am VERY VERY CONCERN about what is going to happen when this shelter is open and this drug and alcohol addicts, armed people,

convicted felons and sex offenders arrive at the Plum's shelter location, each one of our kids at St Michael Parish School will become a target. I have a 5 year old little girl and it terrifies me just to think that she could be a potential victim because these people have nothing to lose and can lost control easily, it is horrible to think that these people can be stalking her (or others) and the nasty thoughts they are going to be thinking about her or others. Yes it is true that St Michael is doing their best effort to protect our children but what's going to happen when somebody makes a mistake?

Also, speaking as a WA state employee, me and many of my coworkers go out to walk and run during our breaks or lunch time, we are also going to be at risk once this people arrive at the area.

I hope you hear our voices and do the right thing, not just for the homeless but for the children, parish and state employees that share the area.

Thank you for your time,  
Lucia Peterson

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:52 PM  
**To:** DENNIS TILSON  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Please protect our children

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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**From:** DENNIS TILSON <dmtilson@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Please protect our children

Dear Mayor Selby and Olympia City Council,

Please reject the current amendment to the Emergency Housing Plan that would allow sex offenders to legally reside less than a block away from my grandchildren's school, St. Michaels, and nearby Madison Elementary and Avanti High School. I implore you to protect **all children** in the vicinity by requiring:

- screening for sex offenders
- prohibiting weapons, drugs and alcohol
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## Amy Buckler

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:41 AM  
**To:** Mayleen Panaligan  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency Housing Plan

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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**From:** Mayleen Panaligan <pinay15@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:04 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Emergency Housing Plan

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**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 3:09 PM  
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**From:** Walt Jorgensen <waltjorgensen@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 3:08 PM  
**To:** cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
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**From:** James Reitz <jreitz17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
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**Subject:** FW: New "Plum Street Tiny House Village" HUGE MISTAKE!!!!!!

Here is another one, same stuff different person. Thanks guys, I will continue to forward as they roll in.

-Ash

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**From:** Lucy Rojas <lucy\_rc@hotmail.com>  
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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Low barrier shelter near schools

-----Original Message-----

From: colleenking47@gmail.com <colleenking47@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:54 PM  
To: CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: Low barrier shelter near schools

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Thank you for your time,

Colleen King

Sent from my iPhone

## Amy Buckler

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**To:** PAMELA TILSON  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 10:45 AM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Cc:** fwilson@osd.wednet.edu; dsknoll@osd.wednet.edu; mvelasquez@osd.wednet.edu; ALYSHA MYERS <alysamyers@outlook.com>; cgeraghty@stmikesolympia.org; Den <dmtilson@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** Please protect our children

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Dear Mayor Selby and Olympia City Council,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Stacey Ray; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance

**Importance:** High

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From: Ashley Caines  
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To: Colin DeForrest <cdeforre@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Cc: Keith Stahley <kstahley@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Leonard Bauer <lbauer@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance

Please see below.

Thanks,  
-Ash

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From: Matt DeBord <matt\_debord@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 7:54 PM  
To: cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance

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Thank you.

Matt DeBord  
Olympia

Sent from my iPhone

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:43 AM  
**To:** Cari Pearson  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Homeless camp

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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**From:** Cari Pearson <cougrn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
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Sincerely,  
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St. Michael School Parent  
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**From:** Ashley Caines  
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**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Plum Street Tiny House Village

[This one requests follow up](#)

-Ash

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**From:** PABLO MATUTE <PFMZ@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>; news@theolympian.com  
**Cc:** PABLO MATUTE <PFMZ@MSN.COM>; Maria E Espinoza <meef68@hotmail.com>; cgeraghty@stmikesolympia.org  
**Subject:** Plum Street Tiny House Village

Olympia October 19th 2018

Dear Olympia Mayor, City Council and The Olympian Newspaper,

CC: Connor Geraghty St Michael's Parish School

As a concerned Saint Michael School parent I have been to city hall meetings this week Monday and Tuesday to learn more about the proposed Plum Street Village, and also to the meeting that a city representative had a couple of weeks ago at St Michael Parish School.

I urge you to reject the current amendment to the Emergency Housing Plan that would allow sex offenders to legally reside less than a block away from my child's school, the so called "Low entry barrier shelter", the way it was explained in Monday's meeting was:

1. No ID requirement
2. No warrant database search requirement
3. No sex offender verification requirement
4. **Yes to alcohol, drugs, guns, weapons - this sound like bring your own alcohol, drug, weapons and guns**

I believe it is a disgrace to mix drugs, alcohol, guns and sex offenders, it is a disaster waiting to happen. I hope that city liability insurance is in place.

I am also aware that we have a homeless crisis and we want to be part of the solution and not become another problem, but in order to keep safe a vulnerable population in this case homeless, you are putting the kids population at our school at risk.

At this week's meeting the LIHI coordinator could not answer simple questions from a council member about how effective these tiny villages are, but I have read the reports in the Seattle Times that at least one tiny village site that accepted drugs, alcohol and guns is shutting down for good, we do not want this to happen here in Olympia, Also we heard from LIHI that homeless that misbehave were punished "with hotel rooms accommodations", in my opinion that is not punishment that is rewarding bad behavior

I believe that working together we can accomplish ways to make sure the homeless population at risk are treated with respect, creating a risk score similar to the one that sidewalk does for the men's shelter for St. Michael Parish. I am part of the men's shelter for the last 12 years, and a rigorous screening is a must in this case.

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Please reach out to me at let me know how could I help, because I am ready to be part of the solution and not the problem

**Pablo Fernando Matute**  
**206.349.9293**  
[pfmz@msn.com](mailto:pfmz@msn.com)

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Stacey Ray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** Leonard Bauer; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency Housing Ordinance

The written record was left open until Friday at 5:00 PM, so comments that come in before then can be added to the packet for Nov. 5. Zulaika forwarded one additional comment that came into cpdinfo on Sunday, while I'll forward to you, Amy.

Stacey Ray, Senior Planner  
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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 8:17 AM  
**To:** PABLO MATUTE  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Plum Street Tiny House Village

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant  
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**From:** PABLO MATUTE <PFMZ@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>; cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>; news@theolympian.com  
**Cc:** PABLO MATUTE <PFMZ@MSN.COM>; Maria E Espinoza <meef68@hotmail.com>; cgeraghty@stmikesolympia.org  
**Subject:** Plum Street Tiny House Village

Olympia October 19th 2018

Dear Olympia Mayor, City Council and The Olympian Newspaper,

CC: Connor Geraghty St Michael's Parish School

As a concerned Saint Michael School parent I have been to city hall meetings this week Monday and Tuesday to learn more about the proposed Plum Street Village, and also to the meeting that a city representative had a couple of weeks ago at St Michael Parish School.

I urge you to reject the current amendment to the Emergency Housing Plan that would allow sex offenders to legally reside less than a block away from my child's school, the so called "Low entry barrier shelter", the way it was explained in Monday's meeting was:

1. No ID requirement
2. No warrant database search requirement
3. No sex offender verification requirement
4. **Yes to alcohol, drugs, guns, weapons - this sound like bring your own alcohol, drug, weapons and guns**

I believe is a disgrace to mix drugs, alcohol, guns and sex offenders, it is a disaster waiting to happen. I hope that city liability insurance is on place.

I am also aware that we have a homeless crisis and we want to be part of the solution and not become another problem, but in order to keep safe a vulnerable population in this case homeless, you are putting the kids population at our school at risk.

At this week's meeting the LIHI coordinator could not answer simple questions from a council member about how effective these tiny villages are, but I have read the reports in the Seattle Times that at least one tiny village site that accepted drugs, alcohol and guns is shutting down for good, we do not want this to happens here in Olympia, Also we heard from LIHI that homeless that misbehave were punished "with hotel rooms accommodations", in my opinion that is not punishment that is rewarding bad behavior

I believe that working together we can accomplish ways to make sure the homeless population at risk are treated with respect, creating a risk score similar to the one that sidewalk does for the men's shelter for St. Michael Parish. I am part of the men's shelter for the last 12 years, and a rigorous screening is a must in this case.

I urge you to protect all children in the vicinity by requiring:

- screening for sex offenders
- prohibiting weapons, drugs and alcohol
- prioritizing for the lowest risk applicants
- requiring an on-duty manager be present at housing facility 24/7
- Putting a citizen committee to work with City representatives

Please reach out to me at let me know how could I help, because I am ready to be part of the solution and not the problem

**Pablo Fernando Matute**

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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Please Support Amendments to OMC 18.50

**From:** Dwight Max DeNise <dwright.max.denise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Please Support Amendments to OMC 18.50

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Commissioners,

My name is Max DeNise. I live in Tumwater, but much of my personal activity is in Olympia.

I support the current amendments to OMC 18.50. I also encourage you to recommend to the City Council that they add an amendment that would permit private property owners to host encampments.

I believe that this addition, as well as the other amendments, will serve to *open more doors for creative, impactful, and positive solutions* to our housing and homelessness crisis.

Lowering barriers to shelter is a practice that has proved effective across the country. It *enables our community to support the Best Practices* of Housing First and Vulnerability Based placement for services. These models are considered Best Practices simply because studies have shown that people are better able to address challenges like substance use, mental health, and medical health when they have a stable place to live.

I want to encourage you to remember that lowering barriers in this ordinance does not mean that all sanctioned encampments will be low-barrier. The amended version of this ordinance still permits hosts and sponsors to add additional rules, regulations, and expectations. One of the greatest impacts of these amendments is that they *support a variety of solutions*, which is what we need to adequately address this crisis.

Furthermore, the 9th Circuit Court recently determined that government entities cannot use the law to remove houseless individuals from public property without providing them with an alternative legal location. Therefore, lowering barriers to creating legal shelter options for all will also improve our community's ability to effectively address issues related to homelessness while avoiding violating people's constitutional rights.

It's important for our community to hold on to the truth that people who are poor and/or houseless are not inherently more dangerous or inclined to criminal behavior than people with more resources. We have a responsibility as a community to promote equitable laws and practices that do not support harmful stereotypes and generalizations and that do not indirectly or directly promote different treatment of people based on their identified demographics.

Our housing crisis has left hundreds of our community members surviving outdoors with no legal, sanctioned shelter. As we all see and hear about every day, the suffering of our unhoused community members is also impacting the well-being of the rest of our community. We know that if we don't change our response, and change it soon, that things will only worsen- and winter is quickly approaching.

Making these temporary amendments permanent would be a strong and impactful first step, that would align with the Olympia City Council's resolution in May, which committed the city to pursuing responses to this crisis that are centered in *harm reduction, trauma informed care, and anti-oppression*.

*Everyone needs and deserves a safe place to sleep.*



Thank you for considering these amendments.C 18.50.

Sincerely,  
Max DeNise  
Tumwater, WA

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Stacey Ray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** RE: Homeless In Downtown

**Importance:** High

Hi Amy,

This came to me and Colin on Friday--I'm not clear on if it's intended for the Planning Commission's record, but may be since it came to me (?).

Stacey Ray, Senior Planner  
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Note: Emails are public records, and are potentially eligible for release.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kammy Minor <kminor@rightsys.com>  
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 12:52 PM  
To: Stacey Ray <sray@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Colin DeForrest <cdeforre@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
Subject: Homeless In Downtown

Let me preface this by saying that I firmly believe "homeless" is a misnomer for what is happening downtown. I do not believe this is a homelessness issue - I believe it is a mental illness/drug-alcohol addiction issue. Constantly referring to it as "homeless" is an incorrect focus. In the vast majority of the cases, what is taking over our downtown streets are not people who are "down on their luck", unemployed or temporarily homeless - they are individuals who are mentally ill and/or addicted to drugs alcohol. This makes the downtown population much more aggressive/potentially violent than the word "homeless" implies.

I have 3 daughters, in the relatively short time since my oldest two left for college, downtown has changed for the worse. My older two shopped downtown, went to dinner downtown - even would meet friends for late night snacks at the Reef. My 17 year old does not go downtown at night. She even has changed her driving patterns to avoid both 4th and State after dark.

I love to shop local, love to eat out and would relish being able to enjoy a vibrant downtown. But Olympia no longer feels safe. Neither does it feel like "my" community - instead it is beginning to feel like it "belongs" to those who live on the streets and use those streets in, quite frankly, disgusting ways.

Please please make a change - something significant that sends a clear message to our downtown business owners and their patrons, that Olympia will once again become a place where a parents and young people can feel safe & welcome!

Kammy Minor

Sent from my iPhone

## Amy Buckler

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**From:** CityCouncil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 8:16 AM  
**To:** Pat Rasmussen  
**Cc:** Amy Buckler; Colin DeForrest; Connie Cobb; Councilmembers; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Kellie Braseth; Steve Hall  
**Subject:** RE: Host a homeless person in your RV?

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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**From:** Pat Rasmussen <patr@crcwnet.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 21, 2018 11:39 AM  
**To:** CityCouncil <citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Host a homeless person in your RV?

There are many RVs in driveways and in front of homes in Olympia that could house homeless people.

RVs have heat, lighting, gas stoves, refrigerators, toilets, showers, beds. They are safe. They are easy to hook up to electrical outlets and sewage can be pumped out periodically.

Wouldn't it be better to have women with children, seniors, students, the disabled, others, sleeping in RVs rather than on the streets downtown?

In Portland and Multnomah County they are putting tiny homes in the backyards of homeowners who volunteer to house the homeless for at least five years. We can do that too. But right now we could allow the homeless to live in RVs.

The City makes it illegal to stay in RVs for more than 14 days or whatever. Maybe in the past that was okay.

But we live in different times - times of increasing homelessness, rising rents, lack of affordable housing for seniors, students, mothers with children and others.

The City could change that, allow people to live in RVS to get them off the streets or just to have affordable housing as we work on our crisis. It could be specifically for homeless people or those on the verge of homelessness such as vulnerable seniors, families, kids. Olympians with RVs could volunteer to participate.

RVs are warm. Winter is arriving.

Let's get creative and make this happen.

Thanks,

Pat Rasmussen

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Pat Rasmussen

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## Amy Buckler

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**From:** Ashley Caines  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 1:28 PM  
**To:** Colin DeForrest; Amy Buckler  
**Subject:** FW: Please support the amendments to the Temporary Emergency Housing Facilities ordinance (OMC 18.50)

If so, here is another one similar.

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**From:** Lisa Ornstein <lisa.ornstein@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 12:10 PM  
**To:** cpdinfo <cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Please support the amendments to the Temporary Emergency Housing Facilities ordinance (OMC 18.50)

**Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Commissioners,**

**My name is Lisa Ornstein and I live in Olympia.**

**I am writing to add my voice in support of the current amendments to OMC 18.50. I hope that the Olympia Planning Commission will support these amendments and also recommend to the City Council that they add an amendment that would permit private property owners to host encampments.**

**This additional amendment, as well as the other amendments, will serve to open more doors for creative, impactful, and positive solutions to our housing and homelessness crisis. I believe that adopting common-sense best practices which lead to increased stable shelter for our homeless community will result in a better outcome for all of us: study after study on lowering barriers to shelters has demonstrated this; the simple fact is that people are better able to address challenges like substance use, mental health, and medical health when they have a stable place to live.**

**I also am aware that the proposed ordinance does NOT result in across-the-board low barrier encampments in Olympia, but instead allows a greater range of possible rules, regulations, and expectations by the hosts and sponsors of these camps. A wider variety of solutions will help us to more nimbly and adequately address this crisis.**

**Lowering barriers to shelter is a practice that has proved effective across the country. It enables our community to support the Best Practices of Housing First and Vulnerability Based placement for services. These models are considered Best Practices simply because studies have shown that people are better able to address challenges like substance use, mental health, and medical health when they have a stable place to live.**

**It's important for our community to hold on to the truth that people who are poor and/or houseless are not inherently more dangerous or inclined to criminal behavior than people with more resources. They are however more vulnerable and at risk because their**

**situation is so dire. I have been friends with a local homeless family this past year who have worked with extraordinary determination to find stable housing. Their barrier was not a criminal background nor the inability to pay rent (although their means are extremely limited) , but rather a poor credit history and no rental history. In spite of repeated failures, they persevered and this week learned that they have been approved as tenants for Title 8 housing. They did their very best to keep their encampment clean and free from violence through the fear of having their encampment "swept" was a constant source of stress and fear.**

**All the best,**

**Lisa Ornstein**

**3010 28th Ave. S.E.**

**Olympia, WA 98501**

**From:** [Leonard Bauer](#)  
**To:** [Stacey Ray](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Buckler](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Change in housing ordinance  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 3, 2018 11:05:36 AM

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I believe this is intended as public comment on the housing ordinance being considered by OPC. Please include in their next packet as they deliberate. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: cpdinfo  
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:33 AM  
To: Leonard Bauer <[lbauer@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:lbauer@ci.olympia.wa.us)>  
Subject: FW: Change in housing ordinance

-----Original Message-----

From: DENISE L Halloran <[hallorandl@msn.com](mailto:hallorandl@msn.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 10:30 AM  
To: cpdinfo <[cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us)>  
Subject: Change in housing ordinance

I strongly oppose the suggested change. I am a home owner AND TAX PAYER. A primary consideration when I bought my home was the protections offered by the City ordinances. I did not need to be concerned that a homeless encampment would be established in my neighborhood. I trusted that the city would continue those protections.

To pass the proposed ordinance is a betrayal of the citizens who have invested in the City by purchasing and maintaining their homes.

To allow sex offenders near a school and child care facility is egregious.

Do not move forward with this plan.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Keith Stahley](#)  
**To:** [Amy Buckler](#)  
**Cc:** [Anna Schlecht](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Housing Facilities  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 11, 2018 8:18:12 AM  
**Attachments:** [0918 Draft Overnight Sleeping Ordinance.rtf](#)  
[0918 Draft Amendments to OMC.docx](#)  
[Model Homeless Camp Site Ord CM.docx](#)

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FYI:

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**From:** Subir Mukerjee <subirmukerj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 09, 2018 3:03 PM  
**To:** Keith Stahley <kstahley@ci.olympia.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Emergency Housing Facilities

Hi Keith:  
Thanks for your email.

My main concern about Olympia's ordinance is that it does not allow for a separate and less onerous process for small sites with 6 or less vehicles, tents or huts on church properties. I know that staff has taken a position that they are allowed based on the definition of "family". However, my concern is that this interpretation by staff, while its welcome, is a stretch and could be potentially overturned on appeal from neighboring residents.

So I have drafted an ordinance which is an addition to Olympia's code OMC 18.50.070, which if adopted would provide for permitted overnight sleeping on property owned by either a place of worship, business or public entity. This would also achieve dispersal of these smaller sites throughout the city, which would also reduce any impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods. In my discussions with Eugene staff, these smaller sites do not require a permit from the city. The property owner must comply with the performance standards listed in 18.50.070 D, and enforcement is initiated only if there is noncompliance.

The draft ordinance is crafted based on Eugene's code, which also allows for 1 vehicle, tent or hut on single-family lots (see Section 18.50.070 B). Olympia may not want to go this far, but I have put it into the draft ordinance for consideration, just in case.

The Emergency Housing Facilities ordinance adopted by Olympia is a good first step. By major concern is Section 18.50.050 C, Timing, which limits the initial time to 180 days, with a possible extension of another 185 days, and then possibility of further time extensions based on a conditional use permit. These time limits will give pause to any entity which could consider this level of investments with no surety of them being able to operate it after these limits. Eugene's approach is that the operator has to enter into an annual operational agreement with the city, agree to the performance standards and requirements, which can be terminated by the City Manager or designee for non-compliance if they are not met. I think this approach provides the needed assurances to the city, as well as the operator, and removes the onerous, expensive and sometimes contentious CUP process.

I have attached a draft ordinance which incorporates permitted overnight sleeping into the OMC. Also attached are a draft OMC code with the draft ordinance incorporated in it, and the model code that we discussed earlier. At this point, it may be simpler just to adopt the



permitted overnight sleeping ordinance into the OMC, especially in light of the 9th Circuit Court decision. By the way, KUOW had a good discussion on the ruling last Friday, at noon.

I would be happy to provide some written comments to the Planning Commission if they are accepting public comments, and if you think that they might be helpful. By the way, the City of Lacey has formed a Faith Leaders Steering Committee on Homelessness, and I did a similar presentation to them a couple of weeks ago.

Please feel free to call on me if you have any questions or need further information.  
Subir

Subir Mukerjee  
Board Member, Community Supported Shelters  
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On Sep 9, 2018, at 9:38 AM, Keith Stahley <[kstahley@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:kstahley@ci.olympia.wa.us)> wrote:

Hi Subir,

Anna mentioned that you expressed some concerns about the City's Emergency Housing Facility regulations.

The ordinance as it is written is very permissive, so I'd be interested in hearing more about what gives you pause.

We've got a planning commission meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to start the discussion about a permanent ordinance. I'd welcome your input and perspective in that process. We plan to have permanent regulations in place by the end of the year.

I also can't find the a copy of the model ordinance that you sent. If you could resend it I'd appreciate it. Even more helpful would be an assessment between the model and the City's Emergency Housing Facility Regulations that I've attached.

These facilities are going to become even more important with recent 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision (see attached decision).

Cheers,

Keith Stahley, Director  
Community Planning and Development Department

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