

**EMERGENCY HOUSING FAMILY REGULATIONS**

Olympia

Planning Commission  
September 17, 2018

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- Related Efforts:
  - Declaration of Public Health Emergency adopted July 17, 2018
  - Multifamily Tax Exemption: future council action
  - Impact Fee Abatement: future council action
  - Vulnerable Renter Regulations: future council action
    - Source of Income
    - Eviction Notice
    - Rent Increase Notice
  - Lifeline Utility Rates: staff review

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- The need

Thurston County - Point in Time Homeless Counts 2004-2018  
Final Report - May 2018

Year	Number of Homeless Individuals
2004	441
2005	479
2006	442
2007	511
2008	748
2009	872
2010	974
2011	584
2012	703
2013	648
2014	571
2015	474
2016	524
2017	454
2018	815

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**History**

- Adopted Amended Emergency Housing Facility Regulations June 5, 2018
- The City of Olympia adopted its first Temporary Encampment Regulations in 2008. These regulations were adopted largely as a response to Camp Quixote's occupation of City-owned property in downtown.
- These regulations were amended in 2011 to provide for a permanent encampment on County-owned property in Mottman Industrial Park known as Quixote Village.
- A single temporary encampment hosted by a faith-based organization was also allowed, however, no temporary encampments have been hosted by faith-based organizations since Quixote Village was established.

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**Existing regulations were restrictive**

- Only allows two facilities in the entire City
- Limits the duration to maximum of six months
- Requires a high barrier facility
- Prohibits the use of alcohol or the possession of weapons of any kind

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**Proposed amendments**

- Change the name of the regulations to Emergency Housing Facility Regulations
- Eliminate the differentiation between types of facilities
- Allows Emergency Housing Facilities to be operated by or hosted on faith based, not-for-profit organizations and governmental entities
- Adds Storage of personal belongings
- Creates separation between approved Emergency Housing Facilities
- Increases the number of Emergency Housing Facilities Allowed
- Allows facilities to be sited for up to one year subject to conditions and may be extended beyond one year with a conditional use permit
- Reduce barriers for clients such as use of alcohol and possession of legal fire arms
- Reduce barriers for host organizations such as camp security and encourages self management

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 \* Emergency Housing Facility Regulations

- Emergency ordinance
  - Requires that Council hold a public hearing within 60 days of adoption to continue them and to adopt a work plan to replace them with permanent regulations. The required public hearing was held on July 24, 2018

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- Outstanding issues and Next Steps
  - Background checks?
  - Sex Offender Status?
  - Notice to Law Enforcement?
  - Treat Emergency Housing Facilities with six or fewer residents as permitted use?
- Public outreach – Public Hearing and ?
- Planning Commission briefing, public hearing and deliberation by December 5, 2018
- Council Consideration by December 5, 2018

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