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City Council

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Sections 18.02.180, 18.04.040, and 18.06.040 Relating to Emergency Housing Facilities - First and Final Reading

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Sections 18.02.180, 18.04.040, and 18.06.040 Relating to Emergency Housing Facilities on first and final reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code Sections 18.02.180, 18.04.040, and 18.06.040 Relating to Emergency Housing Facilities on first and final reading.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

On June 5, 2018, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 7142, which amended the Emergency Housing Facilities Code, OMC 18.50, on an emergency/interim basis. The primary aim of the amendments was to provide more flexibility to meet growing demand for emergency housing/shelter in Olympia.

Subsequently, on September 4, 2018, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in *Martin vs. City of Boise*. Upon review of this decision, on October 23, 2018, City Council approved Ordinance

No. 7158, which again amended the Emergency Housing Facilities Code, OMC 18.50, on an emergency/interim basis.

The zoning amendments contained in this proposed ordinance are directly related to the permanent zoning regulations contained in the Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance. The purpose of these amendments is to differentiate emergency homeless housing, which is allowed in every zone, from emergency disaster housing, which is not allowed in every zone.

This proposed ordinance is, therefore, also necessary for the immediate protection and preservation of public health, public safety, public property or public peace, and should be made effective upon adoption. RCW 35A.13.190 provides that no ordinance shall take effect until five days after the date of publication unless otherwise provided by statute or charter, except that an ordinance designated as a public emergency ordinance for the protection of public health, public safety, public property or the public peace, may be made effective upon adoption. Such an ordinance requires the vote of one more than the majority of the whole membership of the Council. (A majority plus one.)

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

There is significant public concern regarding the issue of homelessness.

Options:

1. Approve the Ordinance Relating to Emergency Housing Facilities on first and final reading.
2. Direct staff to make changes to the Ordinance Relating to Emergency Housing Facilities and bring back to Council on December 18, 2018, for first and final reading.
3. Do not approve the Ordinance Relating to Emergency Housing Facilities.

Financial Impact:

None.

Attachments:

Ordinance