

THURSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING

PLANNING COMMISSION – AUGUST 17, 2022



Emergency Housing Ordinance Code Amendment

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

- Docket Item A-24: Emergency Housing Ordinance (EHO) – Permitting Criteria Flexibility (Titles 20, 21, 22, 23)
- Proposed amendments consider making the interim regulations permanent to allow for quick permitting response in the event of an emergency
- Includes additional amendments beyond interim regulations that:
 - Clarify application requirements;
 - Clarify permitting process; and
 - Amend the permit review and appeals process for this type of application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public Comment Summary



PUBLIC HEARING

DOCKET ITEM A-24 – EMERGENCY HOUSING ORDINANCE



CONSIDERATIONS

- Based on the last meeting, July 20, 2022, the Commissioner's discussed some additional changes to consider to the proposed amendments following a public hearing:
 - Consider removing public informational meetings from emergency waiver section (i.e., remains a requirement)
 - Consider striking language that prohibits alcohol and illegal drugs
 - Consider adding an upper limit to # of residents, even with waiver (e.g., may be waived up to 50% increase)

NEXT STEPS

If no further questions or discussion, the Planning Commission may make a recommendation.

- (Draft motion) Move to recommend approval of Development Code Docket Item A-24, Emergency Housing Ordinance: Permitting Criteria Flexibility, which amends the Homeless Encampment and Administrative Procedures Chapters within Titles 20, 21, 22, and 23 to allow for a waiver of some permitting criteria of homeless encampments during a declared emergency, and clarify application and permitting procedures for homeless encampments.

QUESTIONS?

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MOTIONS FOR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Draft motions for other considerations (make motion before moving to approve):

- Move to amend draft code to remove public informational meetings from emergency waiver section
- Move to strike language that prohibits alcohol and illegal drugs
- Move to add language that limits the upper number of residents allowed in an encampment with a waived requirement to a 50% increase (i.e., 60 residents allowed with a waiver).