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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission

FROM: Maya Teeple, Senior Planner
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DATE: July 20, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Development Code Docket Item A-24:
Emergency Housing Ordinance: Permitting Criteria Flexibility (Titles 20, 21, 22, 23)

Background

Development Code Docket Item A-24 is referred to as the “Emergency Housing Ordinance: Permitting Criteria Flexibility” and is a board-initiated proposal to consider making current interim regulations that allow permitting criteria flexibility within the Homeless Encampments Chapters ([20.35](#), [21.64](#), [22.51](#), [23.45](#) TCC) permanent. This docket item would amend the code to allow for a quick permitting response and increase flexibility for permit applicants of homeless encampments in the event of a declared public health emergency. These changes to the regulations would aid in getting unsheltered people in unauthorized, makeshift camps into a permitted shelter more quickly. Additionally, changes would clarify the application and permitting process of homeless encampments for the public, permitting staff, and applicants.

On July 6, 2022, Community Planning staff provided an overview of the history of the homeless encampment ordinance, interim regulations, and related policies.

The amendments being considered under this docket item are not intended to eliminate all unsanctioned homeless camps in the rural county or urban growth areas or to serve as a standalone solution to the homelessness crisis. They also do not establish any homeless encampments in Thurston County; all hosts would still need to apply for a permit and meet requirements within the code before establishing an encampment. The proposed amendments only clarify processes and facilitate quicker permitting during an emergency and are one of many tools in combatting homelessness in Thurston County.

Questions from the Last Meeting

Below is a summary of responses to Commissioner questions from the last meeting on July 6. It is important to note that that proposed amendments to the Thurston County Code Homeless

Encampment chapters are narrow in scope. This docket item is not an overhaul of other land use policies related to affordable housing or other on-going programs to assist the homeless population.

- Are there any areas of the ordinance that could improve life of homeless people (ex. abuse of people that live there, ability of policy to respond, fire and heating equipment)?
 - o This is outside the scope of this docket item, which is intended to provide flexibility in and improvement to the permitting process for homeless encampments.
 - o Ways to improve quality of life at encampments that the County has control over are generally already written into the ordinance – i.e., providing food tent, trash areas, adequate parking, handwashing stations and portable toilets, and in proximity to a bus stop, safety measures such as keeping a log of residents, requiring ID, an on-site 24-hour attendant, and visitor controls.
 - o Other programs exist but are outside the scope of this ordinance and the Planning Divisions purview.
- Are these required to be a certain distance from schools?
 - o Minimum of 300 feet – this has been in place since 2010
- Are there any sideboards to what the Director can waive?
 - o The proposed amendments allow the Director the option to waive some but not all requirements in a declared emergency. Waiver of requirements is at the Director's discretion based on site specific review and considerations. Any waiver first requires consultation with stakeholders, and would also be reviewed with the BoCC.
- [Resolution H-2-2018](#) contains many findings that support the declaration of a public health crisis, they include:
 - o Thurston County, through PHSS, provides approx. \$7m/year to 35 non-profit agencies to provide emergency shelter, rental assistance, support services, yet funding is still inadequate.
 - o A recent Thurston County survey conducted by Berk Consulting states that homelessness was identified as the top concern and priority for citizens.
 - o Cost of housing is rising and the vacancy rate for rentals is at a record low. There is insufficient affordable housing and much economic and family instability.
 - o During the 2017-18 Point in Time Census, there were approximately 835 people without homes.
 - o In 2017, there were 1670 homeless children in Thurston County public schools.
 - o Families with children represent 38% of people experiencing homelessness.
 - o During the 2017-18 Point in Time Census, 38% of those identified live in places unfit for human habitation, including: streets, parks, woods and cars, putting them at risk of violence, disease and death.
 - o The record number of people living in unpermitted encampments pose a serious risk to all people and the environment.
- How many affordable housing units since policy in 2019?

- Affordable housing projects typically take a few years to be fully funded and then constructed.
- According to the National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD), Thurston County has had 253 units over 6 different properties come available since 2019.
- [TRPC](#) shows that the housing affordability index, or the ability of a middle-income family to carry mortgage payments on a median-priced home, has decreased since 2019. An index of 100 is a balance, higher indicates that housing is more affordable and lower indicates that housing is less affordable. Thurston County's HAI was 97 in Q1 of 2022 and is a decrease in housing affordability for the 7th year in a row.
- What other programs have been instituted?
 - Other programs exist but are outside the scope of this ordinance. There are several programs through Thurston County PHSS ([more info](#)). In June 2022, Community Planning staff contacted PHSS and asked what other efforts are on-going. PHSS responded, "PHSS funds homeless services (shelter, outreach, rapid re-housing, case management, hygiene, etc.) to the tune of about \$7million per year. Our office facilitates core stake holder meetings on a monthly basis, facilitates two initiatives aimed at reaching functional zero in the chronically homeless and youth and young adult populations, staffing the Regional Housing Council through the Technical Team and providing technical assistance and community trainings around homeless response. Support to our partner jurisdictions in their homelessness efforts."
 - Examples of other programs include:
 - The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – funding for community development, housing and economic development projects.
 - Housing and Community Development Program (HCD) – includes programs that work towards creating safe and decent affordable housing
 - Homeless Housing Program – assists homeless persons whose income is at or below 30% of the area median.
 - Affordable Housing Program – assists development and preservation of affordable low-income housing.
 - The Regional Housing Council –created to promote equitable and safe access to affordable housing.
- Have you reached out to any host/sponsoring agencies to see what the barriers are to applying?
 - In previous discussions with PHSS, some of the challenges noted as potential barriers to applying include – 1) initial and on-going expense to host a homeless encampment; 2) finding an appropriate site.

Affected Parties & Department Input

The proposal affects County residents, Community Planning & Economic Development, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, and the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. In reviewing interim regulations and considering additional amendments, Thurston County Community Planning

worked with the Thurston County’s Sheriff’s Office, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, and Development Services CPED staff.

- **Public Health and Social Services Comments** - Public Health and Social Services commented on the draft with some questions regarding the operations and security plan and procedures for non-compliant residents, legality of retaining logs of guests for encampments, and other questions around verbiage.
- **Thurston County Sheriff’s Office Comments** - The Sheriff’s Office has provided some feedback correcting who will be contacted if there are issues (TCOMM vs. the Sheriff’s Office). In 2019 the Sheriff’s Office indicated they were not in favor of changing the wording of the ordinance and has maintained that position.
- **CPED Development Services** – During review of a permit application in Fall 2021, indicated that more clarity is needed around the permitting process and application review procedures for this type of permit.
- **Previous BoCC Comments** - During initial review of the interim regulations in 2019, the BoCC requested that additional methods be considered for identification purposes. Fingerprinting was added specifically under 20.35.090(5) TCC. Additional language was added to 20.35.090(8) TCC to include “illegal” before “drugs”, to clarify which substances are prohibited. Weapons were also removed as something to be prohibited under the same clause as this is consistent with what the City of Olympia does, and due to the fact that individuals could have state-issued permits that allow for weapons (open-carry or concealed). These amendments have been carried over to the proposed amendments attached in this draft.

Proposed Code Amendment

In 2021 during a renewal of the interim regulations, the Board of County Commissioner’s requested that staff investigate if any additional changes could be made to the Homeless Encampments Chapters beyond the existing interim regulations to make them work more efficiently. Additionally, during review of a permit application in Fall 2021 – the first application under this section of code ever received at the County – staff identified areas of the code where additional changes are needed to provide clarity to the permitting process for temporary homeless encampments.

The proposal would adopt the current interim regulations with some adjustments, and include additional amendments that clarify the permitting process for homeless encampments and emergency housing in Thurston County. The proposal would impact Chapters 20.35, 20.60, 21.64, 21.81, 22.51, 22.62, 23.45, and 23.72 of the Thurston County Code. This section outlines what in this proposal is carried over from interim regulations, and what is new based on further review (including any changes from interim regulations).

The proposal includes the following amendments that were made under the current interim regulations (Ord. 16161) for homeless encampments and emergency housing in Thurston County:

- Upon adoption of an emergency resolution by the Board, the Director of Community Planning and Economic Development can waive certain requirements.
 - Some of the types of criteria that may be waived by the Director include:
 - Number of residents in the encampment.

- Public informational meetings.
- On-site parking.
- Locational and screening requirements.
- Security plan requirement.
- Requirement of a security tent.
- Visitor regulations.
- Numbering system of encampment.
- General liability insurance.
- The Director or designee does NOT have the ability to waive the following requirements:
 - All sanitary portable toilets shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights-of-way.
 - All temporary structures within the homeless encampment shall conform to all building codes.
 - The homeless encampment shall conform to fire safety requirements, except they may be waived only to allow for Recreational Vehicles in RV encampments to utilize their integrated cooking and heating units within the RV.
 - The host agency shall provide to all residents of the homeless encampment a "Code of Conduct" for living at the encampment.
 - All homeless encampment residents must sign an agreement to abide by the code of conduct. Failure to abide by the code of conduct and the operations and security plan shall result in the noncompliant resident's immediate and permanent expulsion from the property.
 - The sponsoring agency may use verifiable identification to obtain sex offender and warrant checks for prospective and existing homeless encampment residents.
 - The sponsoring agency shall self police and self manage its residents and shall prohibit alcohol, illegal drugs, fighting, and abuse of any kind, littering or disturbing neighbors while located on the property.
- Revises types of verifiable ID accepted to include fingerprinting or other reasonable forms of ID, and says the sponsoring agency may use verifiable ID (as opposed to must or will).
- Removes prohibition on weapons, and clarifies that illegal drugs are prohibited.

The following amendments are additional to those in place under the current interim regulations, and were identified during further review of the regulations and also based on experience processing a permit application for a temporary homeless encampment in Fall 2021. These additional amendments provide clarity for application requirements and permitting procedures of this type of application and make some minor adjustments to past interim regulations to further protect the environment.

Diversions from interim ordinance:

- Adds 20.35.080(3) TCC as a non-waivable requirement – “No homeless encampment shall be located within a critical area or its buffer”.
- Removes the allowance of heating and cooking systems for RVs from the emergency waiver section (20.35.130 TCC) and includes this as an exception within the fire requirements of the code (20.35.080(11)(c)&(d) TCC). This means that this exception would not need an

approved waiver from the Director and would always apply even without a declared public health emergency.

- Extends the time for which requirements may be waived from 6 months with a public hearing to so long as the public health emergency exists (note: this does not eliminate the time limitations for the temporary use permit as a whole).

New amendments, based on further review of the regulations and permitting experience:

- Temporary homeless encampments are currently permitted for 6 months and must apply for an extension after the term. Suggested amendment to extend to one-year time limit on temporary homeless encampments, and to allow for a one-time extension of the temporary use permit (20.35.100 TCC). This suggestion would reduce permit staff time dedicated to new temporary use permits.
- Clarifying language added that only one permit extension may be granted, and after one extension, the applicant must apply for a new temporary use permit.
- Adds a permit revocation section to address scenarios where there may be a violation of approval criteria and the process for the Director to revoke the permit.
- Adds in clarifying language for approval authority of applications, public informational meeting requirements, and security plan requirements.
- Changes permit process for temporary homeless encampments to add in Director review of administrative decision with the Thurston Board of County Commissioners, and to amend appeal procedures so that final decisions are appealed to Superior Court.

Tentative Schedule

In order to accommodate review and final action by the BoCC before the interim regulations expire on December 9, 2022, Community Planning proposes the following as the schedule (subject to change) for review of this item:

- August 17 – Tentative public hearing
- September 7 – Tentative work session for additional discussion and possible recommendation

Attachments

- Attachment A – Draft Code Amendment
- Attachment B – Draft Environmental Checklist
- Attachment C – Public Comments Received

**Thurston County Community Planning and Economic Development
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**THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION**

July 20, 2022

A-24 Emergency Housing Ordinance.

Chapters: **Title 20, Chapter 20.35 and 20.60 (attachment-A)**
 Title 21, Chapter 21.64 and 21.81 (attachment-B)
 Title 22, Chapter 22.51 and 22.62 (attachment-C)
 Title 23, Chapter 23.54 and 23.72 (attachment-D)

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Staff Comments:	<i>Italics</i>	Unaffected Omitted Text	...

The proposed amendments contained herein are included on the 2022-2023 Official Development Code Docket (Item A-24). This docket item is a board-initiated amendment to consider making current interim regulations for permitting criteria flexibility of homeless encampments, permanent. The amendments apply to unincorporated county, both rural (Title 20) and the three urban growth areas of Lacey (Title 21), Tumwater (Title 22), and Olympia (Title 23).

ATTACHMENT A: Thurston County Zoning Ordinance (Title 20)

Proposed amendments to Chapter 20.35 include amendments that clarify application procedures, approval authority, procedural and public informational meeting requirements, operation and security plan requirements, and addition of new sections that clarify application review procedures (Section 20.35.065) and allow the director of Community Planning and Economic Development to waive specific requirements in a public health emergency (Section 20.35.130).

Some language from the previous interim ordinance emergency waiver section (Section 20.35.130) has been changed:

- Emergency waiver clause for cooking and heating units eliminated, and moved to fire requirements section under requirements for approval (making it a permanent exception that does not require a waiver).*
- Not allowing homeless encampments in critical areas or their buffers is added as a non-waivable requirement.*
- Change how long waiver of requirements is valid, eliminate requirement of public hearing for renewal every 6 months, and add in language about what happens if the public health emergency is rescinded.*

Chapter 20.35 – Homeless Encampments

20.35.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide standards to assure that homeless encampments can be accommodated while maintaining conformance with minimum health and safety standards. Additionally, the purpose of this chapter is to facilitate a quick response in permitting of homeless encampments as needed during a declared crisis or emergency.

20.35.040 Approval authority.

Emergency homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use for which the approval authority shall be the director, subject to the requirements of this chapter when sponsored by a ~~church~~ faith-based organization, not-for-profit organization, or other organization.

20.35.060 Homeless encampment—Initiation—Procedure—Notice.

1. Advance Notice Required. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall ~~send a notice of application to~~ notify the county ~~to establish~~ of the proposed homeless encampment a minimum of thirty days prior to the proposed date of establishment for the homeless encampment. The advance notification shall be in the form of an application for a permit for a temporary homeless encampment and shall contain the following information:
 - a. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;

- b. The maximum number of residents;
 - c. The estimated length of time the homeless encampment will continue, not to exceed the requirements under this chapter;
 - d. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment;
 - e. The proposed location of the public informational meeting; and
 - f. The manner in which the homeless encampment will comply with the requirements of this Chapter and which requirements, if any, are requested to be waived as considered under TCC 20.35.130.
2. ~~The public informational meeting as described TCC 20.35.070 shall be held within ten days of filing the notice of application.~~
3. ~~The notice of application and public informational meeting shall contain the following information:~~
- a. ~~Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;~~
 - b. ~~The maximum number of residents;~~
 - c. ~~The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment; and~~
 - d. ~~The proposed location of the public informational meeting.~~
42. If the sponsoring agency is not the host agency of the site, the sponsoring agency shall submit a written agreement from the host agency allowing the homeless encampment.
53. All Public Schools Notified. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall send a copy of the application to the administrative office of the school district in which the homeless encampment will be located for its review and consideration.
64. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall provide notice of the application by posting two signs or placards on the site, or in a location immediately adjacent to the site, that provide visibility to motorists using adjacent streets. Timing for placing signs shall ~~coincide with other notification requirements described above~~ occur no later than nine (9) days after receiving an application that is deemed complete or at the same time for which the public informational meeting is noticed under 20.35.070(3) and (4), whichever comes first. The director shall establish standards for size, color, layout, design, placement, and timing of installation and removal of the signs or placards. The county shall provide the sign to the host and/or sponsoring agency along with a date by which the sign must be posted. The sign shall include the name and general description of the proposed project, proposed opening date, the sponsoring agency and a contact name and phone number for more information.
- a. The sign shall be installed in a place visible to the public, midpoint along the site street frontage at a location five (5) feet inside the property line, or as otherwise directed by the responsible official to maximize visibility.
 - b. The sign board shall be secured to at least one (1) four (4) inch by four (4) inch posts. Bracing shall be used in order for the sign board to withstand high wind conditions that may occur. Posts shall be dug twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) inches into the ground for stability. The top of the sign board shall be designed to be between four (4) and six (6) feet above grade.

- c. The applicant shall maintain the sign board in good condition throughout the application review period, which shall extend through the time of the final county decision on the proposal including the expiration of the applicable appeal period. If the sign board is removed, county review of the land use application may be discontinued until the board is replaced and has remained in place for the required period of time.
 - d. The applicant shall remove the sign board within fourteen (14) calendar days after final county decision on the application, including expiration of applicable appeal periods, and return the sign board to the county.
 - e. Affidavit of Installation. The applicant shall execute an affidavit certifying where and when the sign board was posted and submit to the responsible official for inclusion in the project file at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.
5. Within nine (9) days after the application is received and deemed complete, the department shall mail a notice of application to all owners of the property within one-thousand feet of the project site. This may be done concurrently with the notice required for the public informational meeting under 20.35.070(4). It shall also be mailed to the applicant and other interested parties. The notice of application shall include the information required under 20.35.060(1), and the additional following:
- a. A statement of the right of any person to comment on the application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings if applicable, request a copy of the decision once made, and any appeal rights;
 - b. A statement of the preliminary determination, if one has been made at the time of notice, of those development regulations that will be used for project mitigation and of consistency;
 - c. A map showing the project site in relation to other properties; and
 - d. Any other information determined appropriate by the department.

20.35.065 Homeless encampment—Application Review Procedures.

A homeless encampments permit is a temporary use permit that is an administrative decision by the Director or Director's designee. The Director may issue a temporary and revocable permit for a Homeless Encampment subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

- 1. Homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use through and administrative special use permit, Type I. Where regulations differ between Chapter 20.60 TCC and this Chapter, the regulations for processing the permit of this chapter apply. This includes timing and procedure for notice of application, public informational meeting requirements, and appeal procedures.
 - a. Advanced Notice is required as outlined under Section 20.35.060(1) TCC.
 - b. A public informational meeting is required as outlined under Section 20.35.070 TCC.

- c. Proper noticing is required by both the host and/or sponsoring agency, and the department to provide notice of the application and notice of the public meeting, as stated in this Chapter.
- d. Homeless encampments are subject to the requirements of approval and operations and security plan requirements as outlined in this Chapter. Certain requirements may be waived subject to Section 20.35.130 TCC.
- e. Director's Decision on Homeless Encampments.
 - i. The Director shall review the proposal to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and all other applicable laws to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County are preserved, and to provide an expedient and reasonable land use review process for decisions and interpretations of this Chapter.
 - ii. Director Authority. The Director may modify the submittal requirements as deemed appropriate.
 - iii. The Director will review the decision on the permit application with the Thurston Board of County Commissioners. Upon review, the Thurston Board of County Commissioners shall either confirm or reverse the recommendation of the Director, or remand the decision back to the Director with instructions. The Director shall issue a final decision following review with the Board of County Commissioners.
 - iv. Notice of Decision. The Director shall notify the Sponsoring and Host Agencies of the Director's decision to approve, modify or deny the application within a timely manner, but not prior to fourteen (14) days after the public informational meeting. The Director's decision as reviewed by the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners is a final decision of the County.
- f. Appeal Procedures. Notwithstanding appeal procedures under 20.60.060 TCC, or any other Thurston County procedure, the Director's decision is final and no reconsideration requests, appeals to the Hearings Examiner, nor appeals to the Board of County Commissioners shall be considered. The Director's final decision under this Chapter may be appealed to a Superior Court with competent jurisdiction. The filing of an appeal to Superior Court will not result in an automatic stay absent a court order.

20.35.070 Public Informational Meeting.

- 1. The sponsoring agency shall conduct at least one neighborhood public informational meeting at the location of the proposed homeless encampment, or at a location close to the proposed homeless encampment site. A virtual meeting may be considered in combination with a public informational meeting. However, a virtual meeting may only serve in lieu of an in-person public informational meeting at the discretion of the Director if there are existing concerns related to public health and safety.

2. The time and location of the meeting shall be agreed upon between the department, host agency, and sponsoring agency. The public informational meeting shall be held a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the issuance of the temporary use permit.
3. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall provide notice of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation within the affected neighborhood not less than ~~fourteen~~ ten days prior to the date of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting. The publication shall specify the time and place of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting, and the information required for the advanced notification of application ~~notice of application~~ under Section 20.35.060(1)(C) to establish a homeless encampment. This may be done concurrently with the notice of application required under 20.35.060(5).
4. At minimum, all property owners within one thousand feet of the proposed homeless encampment location shall be notified by mail a minimum of ~~fourteen~~ ten (10) days in advance of the public informational meeting by the host and/or sponsoring agency. In lieu of notice by mail, an alternative means of notice may be provided that is reasonably calculated to notify the neighboring property owners within one thousand feet of the proposed homeless encampment.
5. The public informational meeting shall at a minimum include general information of the proposed project, maximum number of residents, proposed opening date, contact information for the sponsoring agency, and availability of the host and/or sponsoring agency to answer questions.

20.35.080 Requirements for approval.

1. Each homeless encampment shall be a minimum of one thousand square feet in size, and each camping unit separated by a minimum of ten feet from any property line and have necessary onsite facilities, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Sanitary portable toilets in the number and pumping interval required to meet capacity guidelines;
 - b. Hand washing stations by the toilets and by the food areas;
 - c. Refuse receptacles with capacity to handle pickup intervals without overflowing and ~~vector proof~~ that close and keep out flies, rodents and other animals;
 - d. Food tent and security tent. Food needs to be stored in ~~vector proof~~ closed containers (or receptacles) that keep out flies, rodents and other animals.
2. The host and sponsoring agencies shall provide adequate potable water source with backflow prevention to the homeless encampment, as approved by the local water district and the county.
3. No homeless encampment shall be located within a critical area or its buffer.
4. No permanent structures shall be constructed for the homeless encampment.
5. No more than forty residents shall be allowed. The county may further limit the number of residents as site conditions dictate.

6. Adequate onsite parking shall be provided for the homeless encampment. No offsite parking will be allowed. The number of vehicles used by homeless encampment residents shall be provided. If the homeless encampment is located on a site with another use, it shall be shown that the homeless encampment parking will not create a shortage of onsite parking for the other use/s on the property as estimated by the host.
7. The homeless encampment shall be within a quarter mile of a bus stop with seven days per week service, whenever possible. If not located within a quarter mile of a bus stop, the sponsoring agency must demonstrate the ability for residents to obtain access to the nearest public transportation stop (such as carpools or shuttle buses).
8. The homeless encampment shall be adequately screened from any adjacent right of way and residence. Screening shall be a minimum height of six feet and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of sight obscuring fencing, landscaping, or the placement of the homeless encampment behind buildings. The type of screening shall be approved by the department.
9. All sanitary portable toilets shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights-of-way. The type of screening shall be approved by the County and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of fencing and/or landscaping.
10. Indoor encampments and all temporary structures within the homeless encampment shall conform to all building codes.
11. At minimum, the homeless encampment shall conform to the following Fire requirements:
 - a. Material used as roof covering and walls shall be of flame retardant material;
 - b. There shall be no open fires;
 - c. No heating appliances, except electric heaters, within the individual camping units or temporary structures are allowed, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - d. No cooking appliances other than microwave appliances are allowed within the individual camping units or temporary structures, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - e. An adequate number and appropriate rating of fire extinguishers shall be provided as approved by the fire department;
 - f. Adequate access for fire and emergency medical apparatus shall be provided. This shall be determined by the fire department;
 - g. Adequate separation between camping units and other structures shall be maintained as determined by the fire department, but in no case, less than ten feet; and
 - h. Electrical service shall be in accordance with recognized and accepted practice; Electrical cords are not to be strung together and any cords used must be approved for exterior use.
12. No homeless encampment shall be permitted on public rights-of-way.
13. Because a homeless encampment is a non-traditional living arrangement and therefore provides less privacy and more complex living arrangements than traditional homes, a

distance requirement that provides visual separation and buffering from other sensitive land use activities is considered appropriate. To satisfy this concern, no shelter shall be permitted within three hundred feet from the property line of a licensed child daycare facility or any public or private pre-school or elementary, middle, or high school. However, in the event that a daycare or school is located within the property of a potential host agency, this requirement may be waived by the director if the owner of the daycare or principal of the school agrees to the waiving of the distance requirement.

20.35.090 Operations and security plan required.

1. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall submit an operations and security plan to the department as part of the permit application for the homeless encampment. The security plan shall address potential security and neighborhood impacts within five hundred (500) feet of the temporary site.
2. The host agency shall provide to all residents of the homeless encampment a "Code of Conduct" for living at the encampment. A copy of the "Code of Conduct" shall be submitted as part of the operations and security plan.
3. All homeless encampment residents must sign an agreement to abide by the code of conduct. Failure to abide by the code of conduct and the operations and security plan shall result in the noncompliant resident's immediate and permanent expulsion from the property.
4. The sponsoring agency shall keep a log of all people who stay overnight in the encampment, including names, birth dates, and dates of stay. Logs shall be kept for a minimum of six months and made available to the county and the sheriff's Office upon request.
5. The sponsoring agency shall take all reasonable and legal steps to obtain verifiable ID~~;~~ The sponsoring agency may require presentation of identification such as a driver's license, government issued identification card, military identification or passport, fingerprinting technologies, or other reasonable forms of identification from prospective and existing encampment residents.
6. The host agency shall ensure there is a security tent that is labeled with a visible sign indicating it is the security tent. The security tent shall have an operational telephone or cell phone that is manned twenty-four hours a day seven days a week and must provide the phone number to ~~CAPCOM~~ MTCOMM (county dispatch center). The security tent shall be located near the entrance of the encampment and be staffed by a volunteer, encampment resident, designated representative of the host agency, or other responsible person.
7. The sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may use verifiable identification listed in this section (20.35.090 TCC), to obtain sex offender and warrant checks ~~from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office~~ for prospective and existing homeless encampment residents.
 - a. If said warrant and sex offender checks reveal either (1) an existing or outstanding warrant from any jurisdiction in the United States for the arrest of the individual who is the subject of the check; or (2) the subject of the check is a sex offender, required to register with the county sheriff or their county of residence pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130, then sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may reject the subject to the check for

- residency to homeless encampment or eject the subject of the check if that person is already a homeless encampment resident.
- b. The sponsoring agency shall immediately contact the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's office~~ TCCOMM if the reason for rejection or ejection of an individual from the homeless encampment is an active warrant or if, in the opinion of the on duty designated representative of the host agency or the on duty security staff, the rejected/ejected person is a potential threat to the community.
 8. The sponsoring agency shall self police and self manage its residents and shall prohibit alcohol, illegal drugs, ~~weapons~~, fighting, and abuse of any kind, littering or disturbing neighbors while located on the property.
 9. The sponsoring agency will appoint a designated representative of the host agency to serve on duty at all times to serve as a point of contact for the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's Office~~ responding agency and will orient the officers or deputies as to how the security tent operates. The names of the on duty designated representative of the host agency will be posted daily in the security tent. The county shall provide contact numbers of non-emergency personnel which shall be posted at the security tent.
 10. Visitors: Visitors to the encampment must meet the following procedures and requirements:
 - a. Visitors to the encampment must be invited and accompanied by a resident and must be able to show picture ID.
 - b. Visitors may be at the encampment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - c. Visitors may not stay overnight unless they get permission from the host and complete the same background check requirements as required for residents.
 11. The homeless encampment shall have a numbering system to easily identify each of the tents. A map of the homeless encampment indicating the general location and the numbering of the tents shall be posted at the security tent.
 12. The host agency shall provide proof of general liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars per occurrence.

20.35.100 Timing.

1. No more than one homeless encampment may be located in each of the sheriff districts in Thurston County at any time but never more than two homeless encampments may be located within unincorporated Thurston County at any one time.
2. Duration of the homeless encampment shall not exceed ~~one hundred eighty days~~ three hundred and sixty-five (365) days. One (1) one-year permit extension may be granted by the Director upon the submittal of a letter from the Host Agency requesting said extension. Extension of any waived requirements under TCC 20.35.130 must also be requested. After one (1) extension has been granted, a new temporary use permit under this Chapter shall be required.

3. No host agency shall host a homeless encampment on the same or nearby lot, as defined at TCC 20.03.040(83)(d), more than one time in any twelve-month period, beginning on the date the homeless encampment locates on a parcel of property.

20.35.110 Inspections.

The sponsoring and host agencies shall permit inspections by Thurston County, the applicable fire district, public health, environmental health, and the sheriff's Office at reasonable times without prior notice for compliance with the conditions of the permit for the homeless encampment.

20.35.120 Termination and Revocation.

1. Homeless Encampment Permit Termination. If the sponsoring agency fails to take action against a resident who violates the terms and conditions of this permit, it may result in immediate termination of the permit. If the county learns of acts of violence by residents of the encampment and the sponsoring agency has not adequately addressed the situation, the permit may be immediately terminated.
2. Homeless Encampment Permit Revocation. Upon determination that there has been a violation of any approval criteria or condition of application, the Director or the Director's designee may give written notice to the permit holder describing the alleged violation. Within fourteen (14) days of the mailing of notice of violation, the permit holder shall show cause why the permit should not be revoked. At the end of the fourteen (14) day period, the Director or the Director's designee shall sustain or revoke the permit. When a Homeless Encampment Permit is revoked, the Director or the Director's designee shall notify the permit holder by first class and certified mail of the revocation and the findings upon which revocation is based. Appeals from the Director's decision to revoke a temporary Homeless Encampment permit shall be to Superior Court.

20.35.130 Emergency Waiver.

Upon adoption of an emergency resolution by the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners declaring a public health emergency or crisis and after consultation with stakeholders, the requirements of this Chapter may be waived or modified by the Director or his or her designee for faith-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations and units of government, except for the requirements in TCC 20.35.080 (3), (9), (10), and (11), and TCC 20.35.090 (2), (3), (7), and (8). Waiver or modification of TCC 20.35.080 (1) and (2) also requires concurrence from the Thurston County Health Officer in addition to the other requirements necessary for waiver under this Section. Any waiver of the requirements of this Chapter shall be valid for the duration of the temporary use permit as long as the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners continues to find that the public health emergency exists. If a public health emergency is rescinded, the applicant has ninety (90) days to remedy any waived conditions consistent with the requirements of this Chapter.

Chapter 20.60 – Administrative Procedures

20.60.020 – Application review procedures.

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Table 2

Permit Review Matrix

Thurston County Zoning Ordinance

Permit/Review	Staff/ Director	Hearing Examiner (open hearing)	Planning Commission (open hearing)	Board of County Commissioners (closed hearing)	Review Process Timeline			
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Other administrative decisions/code interpretations	D	A		A	✓			
<u>Temporary Use Permit for Homeless Encampments (20.35 TCC)¹</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Appealable directly to Superior Court.</u>			<u>✓</u>			
Amendments to administrative actions	D	A		A	✓			

¹ Permits for homeless encampments are considered a temporary use. Where application requirements and procedures for review differ from those laid out in this chapter, the requirements and procedures in Chapter 20.35 TCC apply. Administrative Decisions made by the Director are considered final and are directly appealable to Superior Court.

* Decision-making authority mandated by state law.

** Site-specific rezones for which a corresponding joint plan amendment is required, which are approved by the board of county commissioners, follows the process for comprehensive plan amendments, zoning text amendments, and legislative rezones.

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ATTACHMENT B: Lacey Urban Growth Area Zoning Ordinance (Title 21)

Proposed amendments to Chapter 21.64 include amendments that clarify application procedures, approval authority, procedural and public informational meeting requirements, operation and security plan requirements, and addition of new sections that clarify application review procedures (Section 21.64.065) and allow the director of Community Planning and Economic Development to waive specified requirements in a public health emergency (Section 21.64.130).

Some language from the previous interim ordinance emergency waiver section (Section 20.35.130) has been changed:

- Emergency waiver clause for cooking and heating units eliminated, and moved to fire requirements section under requirements for approval (making it a permanent exception that does not require a waiver).*
- Not allowing homeless encampments in critical areas or their buffers is added as a non-waivable requirement.*
- Change how long waiver of requirements is valid, eliminate requirement of public hearing for renewal every 6 months, and add in language about what happens if the public health emergency is rescinded.*

Chapter 21.64 – Homeless Encampments

21.64.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide standards to assure that homeless encampments can be accommodated while maintaining conformance with minimum health and safety standards. Additionally, the purpose of this chapter is to facilitate a quick response in permitting of homeless encampments as needed during a declared crisis or emergency.

21.64.040 Approval authority.

Emergency homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use for which the approval authority shall be the director, subject to the requirements of this chapter when sponsored by a ~~church~~ faith-based organization, not-for-profit organization, or other organization.

21.64.060 Homeless encampment—Initiation—Procedure—Notice.

- A. Advance Notice Required. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall ~~send a notice of application to~~ notify the county to establish of the proposed homeless encampment a minimum of thirty days prior to the proposed date of establishment for the homeless encampment. The advance notification shall be in the form of an application for a permit for a temporary homeless encampment and shall contain the following information:

1. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;

2. The maximum number of residents;
 3. The estimated length of time the homeless encampment will continue, not to exceed the requirements under this chapter;
 4. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment;
 5. The proposed location of the public informational meeting; and
 6. The manner in which the homeless encampment will comply with the requirements of this Chapter and which requirements, if any, are requested to be waived as considered under TCC 21.64.130.
- ~~B. The public informational meeting as described TCC 20.35.070 shall be held within ten days of filing the notice of application.~~
- ~~C. The notice of application and public informational meeting shall contain the following information:~~
- ~~1. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;~~
 - ~~2. The maximum number of residents;~~
 - ~~3. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment; and~~
 - ~~4. The proposed location of the public informational meeting.~~
- ~~DB.~~ If the sponsoring agency is not the host agency of the site, the sponsoring agency shall submit a written agreement from the host agency allowing the homeless encampment.
- ~~EC.~~ All Public Schools Notified. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall send a copy of the application to the administrative office of the school district in which the homeless encampment will be located for its review and consideration.
- ~~FD.~~ The host and/or sponsoring agency shall provide notice of the application by posting two signs or placards on the site, or in a location immediately adjacent to the site, that provide visibility to motorists using adjacent streets. Timing for placing signs shall ~~coincide with other notification requirements described above~~ occur no later than nine (9) days after receiving an application that is deemed complete or at the same time for which the public informational meeting is noticed under 21.64.070(C) and (D), whichever comes first. ~~The director shall establish standards for size, color, layout, design, placement, and timing of installation and removal of the signs or placards.~~ The county shall provide the sign to the host and/or sponsoring agency along with a date by which the sign must be posted. The sign shall include the name and general description of the proposed project, proposed opening date, the sponsoring agency and a contact name and phone number for more information.
1. The sign shall be installed in a place visible to the public, midpoint along the site street frontage at a location five (5) feet inside the property line, or as otherwise directed by the responsible official to maximize visibility.
 2. The sign board shall be secured to at least one (1) four (4) inch by four (4) inch posts. Bracing shall be used in order for the sign board to withstand high wind conditions that may occur. Posts shall be dug twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) inches into the ground for stability. The top of the sign board shall be designed to be between four (4) and six (6) feet above grade.

3. The applicant shall maintain the sign board in good condition throughout the application review period, which shall extend through the time of the final county decision on the proposal including the expiration of the applicable appeal period. If the sign board is removed, county review of the land use application may be discontinued until the board is replaced and has remained in place for the required period of time.
 4. The applicant shall remove the sign board within fourteen (14) calendar days after final county decision on the application, including expiration of applicable appeal periods, and return the sign board to the county.
 5. Affidavit of Installation. The applicant shall execute an affidavit certifying where and when the sign board was posted and submit to the responsible official for inclusion in the project file at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.
- E. Within nine (9) days after the application is received and deemed complete, the department shall mail a notice of application to all owners of the property within one-thousand feet of the project site. This may be done concurrently with the notice required for the public informational meeting under 21.64.070(D). It shall also be mailed to the applicant and other interested parties. The notice of application shall include the information required under 21.64.060(A), and the additional following:
1. A statement of the right of any person to comment on the application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings if applicable, request a copy of the decision once made, and any appeal rights;
 2. A statement of the preliminary determination, if one has been made at the time of notice, of those development regulations that will be used for project mitigation and of consistency;
 3. A map showing the project site in relation to other properties; and
 4. Any other information determined appropriate by the department.

21.64.065 Homeless encampment—Application Review Procedures.

A homeless encampments permit is a temporary use permit that is an administrative decision by the Director or Director's designee. The Director may issue a temporary and revocable permit for a Homeless Encampment subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

- A. Homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use through and administrative special use permit, Type I. Where regulations differ between Chapter 21.81 TCC and this Chapter, the regulations for processing the permit of this chapter apply. This includes timing and procedure for notice of application, public informational meeting requirements, and appeal procedures.
1. Advanced Notice is required as outlined under Section 21.64.060(A) TCC.
 2. A public informational meeting is required as outlined under Section 21.64.070 TCC.

3. Proper noticing is required by both the host and/or sponsoring agency, and the department to provide notice of the application and notice of the public meeting, as stated in this Chapter.
4. Homeless encampments are subject to the requirements of approval and operations and security plan requirements as outlined in this Chapter. Certain requirements may be waived subject to Section 21.64.130 TCC.
5. Director's Decision on Homeless Encampments.
 - a. The Director shall review the proposal to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and all other applicable laws to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County are preserved, and to provide an expedient and reasonable land use review process for decisions and interpretations of this Chapter.
 - b. Director Authority. The Director may modify the submittal requirements as deemed appropriate.
 - c. The Director will review the decision on the permit application with the Thurston Board of County Commissioners. Upon review, the Thurston Board of County Commissioners shall either confirm or reverse the recommendation of the Director, or remand the decision back to the Director with instructions. The Director shall issue a final decision following review with the Board of County Commissioners.
 - d. Notice of Decision. The Director shall notify the Sponsoring and Host Agencies of the Director's decision to approve, modify or deny the application within a timely manner, but not prior to fourteen (14) days after the public informational meeting. The Director's decision as reviewed by the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners is a final decision of the County.
6. Appeal Procedures. Notwithstanding appeal procedures under 21.81.070 TCC, or any other Thurston County procedure, the Director's decision is final and no reconsideration requests, appeals to the Hearings Examiner, nor appeals to the Board of County Commissioners shall be considered. The Director's final decision under this Chapter may be appealed to a Superior Court with competent jurisdiction. The filing of an appeal to Superior Court will not result in an automatic stay absent a court order.

21.64.070 Public Informational Meeting.

- A. The sponsoring agency shall conduct at least one ~~neighborhood~~ public informational meeting at the location of the proposed homeless encampment, or at a location close to the proposed homeless encampment site. A virtual meeting may be considered in combination with a public informational meeting. However, a virtual meeting may only serve in lieu of an in-person public informational meeting at the discretion of the Director if there are existing concerns related to public health and safety.
- B. The time and location of the meeting shall be agreed upon between the department, host agency, and sponsoring agency. The public informational meeting shall be held a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the issuance of the temporary use permit.

- C. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall provide notice of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation within the affected neighborhood not less than ~~fourteen~~ ten days prior to the date of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting. The publication shall specify the time and place of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting, and the information required for the advanced notification of application ~~notice of application~~ under Section 21.64.060(A) ~~20.35.060(C)~~ to establish a homeless encampment. This may be done concurrently with the notice of application required under 21.64.060(E).
- D. At minimum, all property owners within one thousand feet of the proposed homeless encampment location shall be notified by mail a minimum of ~~fourteen~~ ten (10) days in advance of the public informational meeting by the host and/or sponsoring agency. In lieu of notice by mail, an alternative means of notice may be provided that is reasonably calculated to notify the neighboring property owners within one thousand feet of the proposed homeless encampment.
- E. The public informational meeting shall at a minimum include general information of the proposed project, maximum number of residents, proposed opening date, contact information for the sponsoring agency, and availability of the host and/or sponsoring agency to answer questions.

21.64.080 Requirements for approval.

- A. Each homeless encampment shall be a minimum of one thousand square feet in size, and each camping unit separated by a minimum of ten feet from any property line and have necessary onsite facilities, including, but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Sanitary portable toilets in the number and pumping interval required to meet capacity guidelines;
 - 2. Hand washing stations by the toilets and by the food areas;
 - 3. Refuse receptacles with capacity to handle pickup intervals without overflowing and ~~vector proof~~ that close and keep out flies, rodents and other animals;
 - 4. Food tent and security tent. Food needs to be stored in ~~vector proof~~ closed containers (or receptacles) that keep out flies, rodents and other animals.
- B. The host and sponsoring agencies shall provide adequate potable water source with backflow prevention to the homeless encampment, as approved by the local water district and the county.
- C. No homeless encampment shall be located within a critical area or its buffer.
- D. No permanent structures shall be constructed for the homeless encampment.
- E. No more than forty residents shall be allowed. The county may further limit the number of residents as site conditions dictate.
- F. Adequate onsite parking shall be provided for the homeless encampment. No offsite parking will be allowed. The number of vehicles used by homeless encampment residents shall be provided. If the homeless encampment is located on a site with another use, it shall be

shown that the homeless encampment parking will not create a shortage of onsite parking for the other use/s on the property as estimated by the host.

- G. The homeless encampment shall be within a quarter mile of a bus stop with seven days per week service, whenever possible. If not located within a quarter mile of a bus stop, the sponsoring agency must demonstrate the ability for residents to obtain access to the nearest public transportation stop (such as carpools or shuttle buses).
- H. The homeless encampment shall be adequately screened from any adjacent right of way and residence. Screening shall be a minimum height of six feet and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of sight obscuring fencing, landscaping, or the placement of the homeless encampment behind buildings. The type of screening shall be approved by the department.
- I. All sanitary portable toilets shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights of way. The type of screening shall be approved by the county and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of fencing and/or landscaping.
- J. Indoor encampments and all ~~all~~ temporary structures within the homeless encampment shall conform to all building codes.
- K. At minimum, the homeless encampment shall conform to the following fire requirements:
 - 1. Material used as roof covering and walls shall be of flame retardant material;
 - 2. There shall be no open fires;
 - 3. No heating appliances, except electric heaters, within the individual camping units or temporary structures are allowed, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - 4. No cooking appliances other than microwave appliances are allowed within the individual camping units or temporary structures, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - 5. An adequate number and appropriate rating of fire extinguishers shall be provided as approved by the fire department;
 - 6. Adequate access for fire and emergency medical apparatus shall be provided. This shall be determined by the fire department;
 - 7. Adequate separation between camping units and other structures shall be maintained as determined by the fire department, but in no case, less than ten feet; and
 - 8. Electrical service shall be in accordance with recognized and accepted practice. Electrical cords are not to be strung together and any cords used must be approved for exterior use.
- L. No homeless encampment shall be permitted on public rights-of-way.
- M. Because a homeless encampment is a non-traditional living arrangement and therefore provides less privacy and more complex living arrangements than traditional homes, a distance requirement that provides visual separation and buffering from other sensitive land use activities is considered appropriate. To satisfy this concern, no shelter shall be permitted within three hundred feet from the property line of a licensed child daycare facility or any

public or private pre-school or elementary, middle, or high school. However, in the event that a daycare or school is located within the property of a potential host agency, this requirement may be waived by the director if the owner of the daycare or principal of the school agrees to the waiving of the distance requirement.

21.64.090 Operations and security plan required.

- A. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall submit an operations and security plan to the department as part of the permit application for the homeless encampment. The security plan shall address potential security and neighborhood impacts within five hundred (500) feet of the temporary site.
- B. The host agency shall provide to all residents of the homeless encampment a "Code of Conduct" for living at the encampment. A copy of the "Code of Conduct" shall be submitted as part of the operations and security plan.
- C. All homeless encampment residents must sign an agreement to abide by the code of conduct. Failure to abide by the code of conduct and the operations and security plan shall result in the noncompliant resident's immediate and permanent expulsion from the property.
- D. The sponsoring agency shall keep a log of all people who stay overnight in the encampment, including names, birth dates, and dates of stay. Logs shall be kept for a minimum of six months and made available to the county and the sheriff's office upon request.
- E. The sponsoring agency shall take all reasonable and legal steps to obtain verifiable ID~~s~~. The sponsoring agency may require presentation of identification such as a driver's license, government issued identification card, military identification or passport, fingerprinting technologies, or other reasonable forms of identification from prospective and existing encampment residents.
- F. The host agency shall ensure there is a security tent that is labeled with a visible sign indicating it is the security tent. The security tent shall have an operational telephone or cell phone that is manned twenty-four hours a day seven days a week and must provide the phone number to ~~CAPCOMTCOMM~~ (county dispatch center). The security tent shall be located near the entrance of the encampment and be staffed by a volunteer, encampment resident, designated representative of the host agency, or other responsible person.
- G. The sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may use verifiable identification listed in this section (21.64.090 TCC), to obtain sex offender and warrant checks ~~from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for prospective and existing homeless encampment residents.~~
 - 1. If said warrant and sex offender checks reveal either (1) an existing or outstanding warrant from any jurisdiction in the United States for the arrest of the individual who is the subject of the check; or (2) the subject of the check is a sex offender, required to register with the county sheriff or their county of residence pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130, then sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may reject the subject to the check for residency to homeless encampment or eject the subject of the check if that person is already a homeless encampment resident.

2. The sponsoring agency shall immediately contact the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's office~~TCCOMM if the reason for rejection or ejection of an individual from the homeless encampment is an active warrant or if, in the opinion of the on duty designated representative of the host agency or the on duty security staff, the rejected/ejected person is a potential threat to the community.
- H. The sponsoring agency shall self police and self manage its residents and shall prohibit alcohol, illegal drugs, ~~weapons~~, fighting, and abuse of any kind, littering or disturbing neighbors while located on the property.
- I. The sponsoring agency will appoint a designated representative of the host agency to serve on duty at all times to serve as a point of contact for the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's Office~~ responding agency and will orient the officers or deputies as to how the security tent operates. The names of the on duty designated representative of the host agency will be posted daily in the security tent. The county shall provide contact numbers of non-emergency personnel which shall be posted at the security tent.
- J. Visitors: Visitors to the encampment must meet the following procedures and requirements:
 1. Visitors to the encampment must be invited and accompanied by a resident and must be able to show picture ID.
 2. Visitors may be at the encampment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 3. Visitors may not stay overnight unless they get permission from the host and complete the same background check requirements as required for residents.
- K. The homeless encampment shall have a numbering system to easily identify each of the tents. A map of the homeless encampment indicating the general location and the numbering of the tents shall be posted at the security tent.
- L. The host agency shall provide proof of general liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars per occurrence.

21.64.100 Timing.

- A. No more than one homeless encampment may be located in each of the sheriff districts in Thurston County at any time but never more than two homeless encampments may be located within unincorporated Thurston County at any one time.
- B. Duration of the homeless encampment shall not exceed ~~one hundred eighty days~~three hundred and sixty-five (365) days. One (1) one-year permit extension may be granted by the Director upon the submittal of a letter from the Host Agency requesting said extension. Extension of any waived requirements under TCC 21.64.130 must also be requested. After one (1) extension has been granted, a new temporary use permit under this Chapter shall be required.
- C. No host agency shall host a homeless encampment on the same or nearby lot, as defined at TCC 20.03.040 (83) (d), more than one time in any twelve-month period, beginning on the date the homeless encampment locates on a parcel of property.

21.64.110 Inspections.

The sponsoring and host agencies shall permit inspections by Thurston County, the applicable fire district, public health, environmental health, and the sheriff's office at reasonable times without prior notice for compliance with the conditions of the permit for the homeless encampment.

21.64.120 Termination Termination and Revocation.

- A. Homeless Encampment Permit Termination. If the sponsoring agency fails to take action against a resident who violates the terms and conditions of this permit, it may result in immediate termination of the permit. If the county learns of acts of violence by residents of the encampment and the sponsoring agency has not adequately addressed the situation, the permit may be immediately terminated.
- B. Homeless Encampment Permit Revocation. Upon determination that there has been a violation of any approval criteria or condition of application, the Director or the Director's designee may give written notice to the permit holder describing the alleged violation. Within fourteen (14) days of the mailing of notice of violation, the permit holder shall show cause why the permit should not be revoked. At the end of the fourteen (14) day period, the Director or the Director's designee shall sustain or revoke the permit. When a Homeless Encampment Permit is revoked, the Director or the Director's designee shall notify the permit holder by first class and certified mail of the revocation and the findings upon which revocation is based. Appeals from the Director's decision to revoke a temporary Homeless Encampment permit shall be to Superior Court.

21.64.130 Emergency Waiver.

Upon adoption of an emergency resolution by the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners declaring a public health emergency or crisis and after consultation with stakeholders, the requirements of this Chapter may be waived or modified by the Director or his or her designee for faith-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations and units of government, except for the requirements in TCC 21.64.080 (C), (I), (J), and (K), and TCC 21.64.090 (B), (C), (G), and (H). Waiver or modification of TCC 21.64.080 (A) and (B) also requires concurrence from the Thurston County Health Officer in addition to the other requirements necessary for waiver under this Section. Any waiver of the requirements of this Chapter shall be valid for the duration of the temporary use permit as long as the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners continues to find that the public health emergency exists. If a public health emergency is rescinded, the applicant has ninety (90) days to remedy any waived conditions consistent with the requirements of this Chapter.

Chapter 21.81 – Administration and Enforcement Procedures

21.81.040 – Application review procedures.

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Illustration 1.

Permit Review Matrix

Lacey UGA Zoning Ordinance

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<u>Temporary Use Permit for Homeless Encampments (21.64 TCC)¹</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Appealable directly to Superior Court.</u>			<u>✓</u>			
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** Site-specific rezones for which a corresponding joint plan amendment is required, which are approved by the board of county commissioners, follows the process for comprehensive plan amendments, zoning text amendments, and legislative rezones.

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ATTACHMENT C: Tumwater Urban Growth Area Zoning Ordinance (Title 22)

Proposed amendments to Chapter 22.51 include amendments that clarify application procedures, approval authority, procedural and public informational meeting requirements, operation and security plan requirements, and addition of new sections that clarify application review procedures (Section 22.51.065) and allow the director of Community Planning and Economic Development to waive specified requirements in a public health emergency (Section 22.51.130).

Some language from the previous interim ordinance emergency waiver section (Section 22.51.130) has been changed:

- Emergency waiver clause for cooking and heating units eliminated, and moved to fire requirements section under requirements for approval (making it a permanent exception that does not require a waiver).*
- Not allowing homeless encampments in critical areas or their buffers is added as a non-waivable requirement.*
- Change how long waiver of requirements is valid, eliminate requirement of public hearing for renewal every 6 months, and add in language about what happens if the public health emergency is rescinded.*

Chapter 22.51 – Homeless Encampments

22.51.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide standards to assure that homeless encampments can be accommodated while maintaining conformance with minimum health and safety standards. Additionally, the purpose of this chapter is to facilitate a quick response in permitting of homeless encampments as needed during a declared crisis or emergency.

22.51.040 Approval authority.

Emergency homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use for which the approval authority shall be the director, subject to the requirements of this chapter when sponsored by a ~~church~~ faith-based organization, not-for-profit organization, or other organization.

22.51.060 Homeless encampment—Initiation—Procedure—Notice.

- A. Advance Notice Required. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall ~~send a notice of application to notify~~ the county ~~to establish~~ of the proposed homeless encampment a minimum of thirty days prior to the proposed date of establishment for the homeless encampment. The advance notification shall be in the form of an application for a permit for a temporary homeless encampment and shall contain the following information:

1. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;

2. The maximum number of residents;
 3. The estimated length of time the homeless encampment will continue, not to exceed the requirements under this chapter;
 4. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment;
 5. The proposed location of the public informational meeting; and
 6. The manner in which the homeless encampment will comply with the requirements of this Chapter and which requirements, if any, are requested to be waived as considered under TCC 22.51.130.
- ~~B. The public informational meeting as described TCC 20.35.070 shall be held within ten days of filing the notice of application.~~
- ~~C. The notice of application and public informational meeting shall contain the following information:~~
- ~~1. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;~~
 - ~~2. The maximum number of residents;~~
 - ~~3. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment; and~~
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- ~~DB.~~ If the sponsoring agency is not the host agency of the site, the sponsoring agency shall submit a written agreement from the host agency allowing the homeless encampment.
- ~~EC.~~ All Public Schools Notified. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall send a copy of the application to the administrative office of the school district in which the homeless encampment will be located for its review and consideration.
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1. The sign shall be installed in a place visible to the public, midpoint along the site street frontage at a location five (5) feet inside the property line, or as otherwise directed by the responsible official to maximize visibility.
 2. The sign board shall be secured to at least one (1) four (4) inch by four (4) inch posts. Bracing shall be used in order for the sign board to withstand high wind conditions that may occur. Posts shall be dug twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) inches into the ground for stability. The top of the sign board shall be designed to be between four (4) and six (6) feet above grade.

3. The applicant shall maintain the sign board in good condition throughout the application review period, which shall extend through the time of the final county decision on the proposal including the expiration of the applicable appeal period. If the sign board is removed, county review of the land use application may be discontinued until the board is replaced and has remained in place for the required period of time.
 4. The applicant shall remove the sign board within fourteen (14) calendar days after final county decision on the application, including expiration of applicable appeal periods, and return the sign board to the county.
 5. Affidavit of Installation. The applicant shall execute an affidavit certifying where and when the sign board was posted and submit to the responsible official for inclusion in the project file at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.
- E. Within nine (9) days after the application is received and deemed complete, the department shall mail a notice of application to all owners of the property within one-thousand feet of the project site. This may be done concurrently with the notice required for the public informational meeting under 22.51.070(D). It shall also be mailed to the applicant and other interested parties. The notice of application shall include the information required under 22.51.060(A), and the additional following:
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 3. A map showing the project site in relation to other properties; and
 4. Any other information determined appropriate by the department.

22.51.065 Homeless encampment—Application Review Procedures.

A homeless encampments permit is a temporary use permit that is an administrative decision by the Director or Director's designee. The Director may issue a temporary and revocable permit for a Homeless Encampment subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

- A. Homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use through and administrative special use permit, Type I. Where regulations differ between Chapter 22.62 TCC and this Chapter, the regulations for processing the permit of this chapter apply. This includes timing and procedure for notice of application, public informational meeting requirements, and appeal procedures.
1. Advanced Notice is required as outlined under Section 22.51.060(A) TCC.
 2. A public informational meeting is required as outlined under Section 22.51.070 TCC.

3. Proper noticing is required by both the host and/or sponsoring agency, and the department to provide notice of the application and notice of the public meeting, as stated in this Chapter.
4. Homeless encampments are subject to the requirements of approval and operations and security plan requirements as outlined in this Chapter. Certain requirements may be waived subject to Section 22.51.130 TCC.
5. Director's Decision on Homeless Encampments.
 - a. The Director shall review the proposal to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and all other applicable laws to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County are preserved, and to provide an expedient and reasonable land use review process for decisions and interpretations of this Chapter.
 - b. Director Authority. The Director may modify the submittal requirements as deemed appropriate.
 - c. The Director will review the decision on the permit application with the Thurston Board of County Commissioners. Upon review, the Thurston Board of County Commissioners shall either confirm or reverse the recommendation of the Director, or remand the decision back to the Director with instructions. The Director shall issue a final decision following review with the Board of County Commissioners.
 - d. Notice of Decision. The Director shall notify the Sponsoring and Host Agencies of the Director's decision to approve, modify or deny the application within a timely manner, but not prior to fourteen (14) days after the public informational meeting. The Director's decision as reviewed by the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners is a final decision of the County.
6. Appeal Procedures. Notwithstanding appeal procedures under 22.62.050 TCC, or any other Thurston County procedure, the Director's decision is final and no reconsideration requests, appeals to the Hearings Examiner, nor appeals to the Board of County Commissioners shall be considered. The Director's final decision under this Chapter may be appealed to a Superior Court with competent jurisdiction. The filing of an appeal to Superior Court will not result in an automatic stay absent a court order.

22.51.070 Public Informational Meeting.

- A. The sponsoring agency shall conduct at least one ~~neighborhood~~ public informational meeting at the location of the proposed homeless encampment, or at a location close to the proposed homeless encampment site. A virtual meeting may be considered in combination with a public informational meeting. However, a virtual meeting may only serve in lieu of an in-person public informational meeting at the discretion of the Director if there are existing concerns related to public health and safety.
- B. The time and location of the meeting shall be agreed upon between the department, host agency, and sponsoring agency. The public informational meeting shall be held a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the issuance of the temporary use permit.

- C. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall provide notice of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation within the affected neighborhood not less than ~~fourteen~~ ten days prior to the date of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting. The publication shall specify the time and place of the ~~neighborhood~~public informational meeting, and the information required for the advanced notification of application ~~notice of application~~ under Section 22.51.060(A) ~~20.35.060(C)~~ to establish a homeless encampment. This may be done concurrently with the notice of application required under 22.51.060(E).
- D. At minimum, all property owners within one thousand feet of the proposed homeless encampment location shall be notified by mail a minimum of ~~fourteen~~ ten days in advance of the public informational meeting by the host and/or sponsoring agency. In lieu of notice by mail, an alternative means of notice may be provided that is reasonably calculated to notify the neighboring property owners within one thousand feet of the proposed homeless encampment.
- E. The public informational meeting shall at a minimum include general information of the proposed project, maximum number of residents, proposed opening date, contact information for the sponsoring agency, and availability of the host and/or sponsoring agency to answer questions.

22.51.080 Requirements for approval.

- A. Each homeless encampment shall be a minimum of one thousand square feet in size, and each camping unit separated by a minimum of ten feet from any property line and have necessary onsite facilities, including, but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Sanitary portable toilets in the number and pumping interval required to meet capacity guidelines;
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- B. The host and sponsoring agencies shall provide adequate potable water source with backflow prevention to the homeless encampment, as approved by the local water district and the county.
- C. No homeless encampment shall be located within a critical area or its buffer.
- D. No permanent structures shall be constructed for the homeless encampment.
- E. No more than forty residents shall be allowed. The county may further limit the number of residents as site conditions dictate.
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- G. The homeless encampment shall be within a quarter mile of a bus stop with seven days per week service, whenever possible. If not located within a quarter mile of a bus stop, the sponsoring agency must demonstrate the ability for residents to obtain access to the nearest public transportation stop (such as carpools or shuttle buses).
- H. The homeless encampment shall be adequately screened from any adjacent right of way and residence. Screening shall be a minimum height of six feet and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of sight obscuring fencing, landscaping, or the placement of the homeless encampment behind buildings. The type of screening shall be approved by the department.
- I. All sanitary portable toilets shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights-of-way. The type of screening shall be approved by the County and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of fencing and/or landscaping.
- J. Indoor encampments and all ~~All~~ temporary structures within the homeless encampment shall conform to all building codes.
- K. At minimum, the homeless encampment shall conform to the following fire requirements:
 - 1. Material used as roof covering and walls shall be of flame retardant material;
 - 2. There shall be no open fires;
 - 3. No heating appliances, except electric heaters, within the individual camping units or temporary structures are allowed, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - 4. No cooking appliances other than microwave appliances are allowed within the individual camping units or temporary structures, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - 5. An adequate number and appropriate rating of fire extinguishers shall be provided as approved by the fire department;
 - 6. Adequate access for fire and emergency medical apparatus shall be provided. This shall be determined by the fire department;
 - 7. Adequate separation between camping units and other structures shall be maintained as determined by the fire department, but in no case, less than ten feet; and
 - 8. Electrical service shall be in accordance with recognized and accepted practice; Electrical cords are not to be strung together and any cords used must be approved for exterior use.
- L. No homeless encampment shall be permitted on public rights-of-way.
- M. Because a homeless encampment is a non-traditional living arrangement and therefore provides less privacy and more complex living arrangements than traditional homes, a distance requirement that provides visual separation and buffering from other sensitive land use activities is considered appropriate. To satisfy this concern, no shelter shall be permitted within three hundred feet from the property line of a licensed child daycare facility or any public or private pre-school or elementary, middle, or high school. However, in the event that a daycare or school is located within the property of a potential host agency, this

requirement may be waived by the director if the owner of the daycare or principal of the school agrees to the waiving of the distance requirement.

22.51.090 Operations and security plan required.

- A. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall submit an operations and security plan to the department as part of the permit application for the homeless encampment. The security plan shall address potential security and neighborhood impacts within five hundred (500) feet of the temporary site.
- B. The host agency shall provide to all residents of the homeless encampment a "Code of Conduct" for living at the encampment. A copy of the "Code of Conduct" shall be submitted as part of the operations and security plan.
- C. All homeless encampment residents must sign an agreement to abide by the code of conduct. Failure to abide by the code of conduct and the operations and security plan shall result in the noncompliant resident's immediate and permanent expulsion from the property.
- D. The sponsoring agency shall keep a log of all people who stay overnight in the encampment, including names, birth dates, and dates of stay. Logs shall be kept for a minimum of six months and made available to the county and the sheriff's office upon request.
- E. The sponsoring agency shall take all reasonable and legal steps to obtain verifiable ID~~s~~. The sponsoring agency may require presentation of identification such as a driver's license, government issued identification card, military identification or passport, fingerprinting technologies, or other reasonable forms of identification from prospective and existing encampment residents.
- F. The host agency shall ensure there is a security tent that is labeled with a visible sign indicating it is the security tent. The security tent shall have an operational telephone or cell phone that is manned twenty-four hours a day seven days a week and must provide the phone number to ~~CAPCOM~~TCOMM (county dispatch center). The security tent shall be located near the entrance of the encampment and be staffed by a volunteer, encampment resident, designated representative of the host agency, or other responsible person.
- G. The sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may use verifiable identification listed in this section (22.51.090 TCC), to obtain sex offender and warrant checks from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for prospective and existing homeless encampment residents.
 - 1. If said warrant and sex offender checks reveal either (1) an existing or outstanding warrant from any jurisdiction in the United States for the arrest of the individual who is the subject of the check; or (2) the subject of the check is a sex offender, required to register with the county sheriff or their county of residence pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130, then sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may reject the subject to the check for residency to homeless encampment or eject the subject of the check if that person is already a homeless encampment resident.
 - 2. The sponsoring agency shall immediately contact the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's office~~TCOMM if the reason for rejection or ejection of an individual from the homeless encampment is an active warrant or if, in the opinion of the on duty designated representative of the host agency or the on duty security staff, the rejected/ejected person is a potential threat to the community.

- H. The sponsoring agency shall self police and self manage its residents and shall prohibit alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, fighting, and abuse of any kind, littering or disturbing neighbors while located on the property.
- I. The sponsoring agency will appoint a designated representative of the host agency to serve on duty at all times to serve as a point of contact for the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's Office~~ responding agency and will orient the officers or deputies as to how the security tent operates. The names of the on duty designated representative of the host agency will be posted daily in the security tent. The county shall provide contact numbers of non-emergency personnel which shall be posted at the security tent.
- J. Visitors: Visitors to the encampment must meet the following procedures and requirements:
 - 1. Visitors to the encampment must be invited and accompanied by a resident and must be able to show picture ID.
 - 2. Visitors may be at the encampment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - 3. Visitors may not stay overnight unless they get permission from the host and complete the same background check requirements as required for residents.
- K. The homeless encampment shall have a numbering system to easily identify each of the tents. A map of the homeless encampment indicating the general location and the numbering of the tents shall be posted at the security tent.
- L. The host agency shall provide proof of general liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars per occurrence.

22.51.100 Timing.

- A. No more than one homeless encampment may be located in each of the sheriff districts in Thurston County at any time but never more than two homeless encampments may be located within unincorporated Thurston County any one time.
- B. Duration of the homeless encampment shall not exceed ~~one hundred eighty days~~ three hundred and sixty-five (365) days. One (1) one-year permit extension may be granted by the Director upon the submittal of a letter from the Host Agency requesting said extension. Extension of any waived requirements under TCC 22.51.130 must also be requested. After one (1) extension has been granted, a new temporary use permit under this Chapter shall be required.
- C. No host agency shall host a homeless encampment on the same or nearby lot, as defined at TCC 20.03.040 (83) (d), more than one time in any twelve-month period, beginning on the date the homeless encampment locates on a parcel of property.

22.51.110 Inspections.

The sponsoring and host agencies shall permit inspections by Thurston County, the applicable fire district, public health, environmental health, and the sheriff's office at reasonable

times without prior notice for compliance with the conditions of the permit for the homeless encampment.

22.51.120 Termination and Revocation.

- A. Homeless Encampment Permit Termination. If the sponsoring agency fails to take action against a resident who violates the terms and conditions of this permit, it may result in immediate termination of the permit. If the county learns of acts of violence by residents of the encampment and the sponsoring agency has not adequately addressed the situation, the permit may be immediately terminated.
- B. Homeless Encampment Permit Revocation. Upon determination that there has been a violation of any approval criteria or condition of application, the Director or the Director's designee may give written notice to the permit holder describing the alleged violation. Within fourteen (14) days of the mailing of notice of violation, the permit holder shall show cause why the permit should not be revoked. At the end of the fourteen (14) day period, the Director or the Director's designee shall sustain or revoke the permit. When a Homeless Encampment Permit is revoked, the Director or the Director's designee shall notify the permit holder by first class and certified mail of the revocation and the findings upon which revocation is based. Appeals from the Director's decision to revoke a temporary Homeless Encampment permit shall be to Superior Court.

22.51.130 Emergency Waiver.

Upon adoption of an emergency resolution by the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners declaring a public health emergency or crisis and after consultation with stakeholders, the requirements of this Chapter may be waived or modified by the Director or his or her designee for faith-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations and units of government, except for the requirements in TCC 22.51.080 (C), (I), (J), and (K), and TCC 22.51.090 (B), (C), (G), and (H). Waiver or modification of TCC 22.51.080 (A) and (B) also requires concurrence by the Thurston County Health Officer in addition to the other requirements necessary for waiver under this Section. Any waiver of the requirements of this Chapter shall be valid for the duration of the temporary use permit as long as the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners continues to find that the public health emergency exists. If a public health emergency is rescinded, the applicant has ninety (90) days to remedy any waived conditions consistent with the requirements of this Chapter.

Chapter 22.62 – Administration and Appeals

22.62.020 – Application review procedures.

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Table 22.62.

Permit Review Matrix

Tumwater UGA Zoning Ordinance

Permit/Review	Staff/ Director	Hearing Examiner (open hearing)	Planning Commission (open hearing)	Board of County Commissioners (closed hearing)	Review Process Timeline			
					Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
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Other administrative decisions/code interpretations	D	A		A	✓			
<u>Temporary Use Permit for Homeless Encampments (22.51 TCC)¹</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Appealable directly to Superior Court.</u>			<u>✓</u>			
Amendments to administrative actions	D	A		A	✓			

¹ Permits for homeless encampments are considered a temporary use. Where application requirements and procedures for review differ from those laid out in this chapter, the requirements and procedures in Chapter 22.51 TCC apply. Administrative Decisions made by the Director are considered final and are directly appealable to Superior Court.

* Decision-making authority mandated by state law.

** Site-specific rezones for which a corresponding joint plan amendment is required, which are approved by the board of county commissioners, follows the process for comprehensive plan amendments, zoning text amendments, and legislative rezones.

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ATTACHMENT D: Olympia Urban Growth Area Zoning Ordinance (Title 23)

Proposed amendments to Chapter 23.45 include amendments that clarify application procedures, approval authority, procedural and public informational meeting requirements, operation and security plan requirements, and addition of new sections that clarify application review procedures (Section 23.45.065) and allow the director of Community Planning and Economic Development to waive specified requirements in a public health emergency (Section 23.45.130).

Some language from the previous interim ordinance emergency waiver section (Section 23.45.130) has been changed:

- Emergency waiver clause for cooking and heating units eliminated, and moved to fire requirements section under requirements for approval (making it a permanent exception that does not require a waiver).*
- Not allowing homeless encampments in critical areas or their buffers is added as a non-waivable requirement.*
- Change how long waiver of requirements is valid, eliminate requirement of public hearing for renewal every 6 months, and add in language about what happens if the public health emergency is rescinded.*

Chapter 23.45 – Homeless Encampments

23.45.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide standards to assure that homeless encampments can be accommodated while maintaining conformance with minimum health and safety standards. Additionally, the purpose of this chapter is to facilitate a quick response in permitting of homeless encampments as needed during a declared crisis or emergency.

23.45.040 Approval authority.

Emergency homeless encampments are permitted as a temporary use for which the approval authority shall be the director, subject to the requirements of this chapter when sponsored by a ~~church~~ faith-based organization, not-for-profit organization, or other organization.

23.45.060 Homeless encampment—Initiation—Procedure—Notice.

- A. Advance Notice Required. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall ~~send a notice of application to notify~~ the county ~~to establish~~ of the proposed homeless encampment a minimum of thirty days prior to the proposed date of establishment for the homeless encampment. The advance notification shall be in the form of an application for a permit for a temporary homeless encampment and shall contain the following information:

1. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;
2. The maximum number of residents;

3. The estimated length of time the homeless encampment will continue, not to exceed the requirements under this chapter;
 4. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment;
 5. The proposed location of the public informational meeting; and
 6. The manner in which the homeless encampment will comply with the requirements of this Chapter and which requirements, if any, are requested to be waived as considered under TCC 23.45.130.
- ~~B. The public informational meeting as described TCC 20.35.070 shall be held within ten days of filing the notice of application.~~
- ~~C. The notice of application and public informational meeting shall contain the following information:~~
- ~~1. Host and sponsoring agency contact and location information;~~
 - ~~2. The maximum number of residents;~~
 - ~~3. The proposed opening date of the homeless encampment; and~~
 - ~~4. The proposed location of the public informational meeting.~~
- ~~DB.~~ If the sponsoring agency is not the host agency of the site, the sponsoring agency shall submit a written agreement from the host agency allowing the homeless encampment.
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 2. The sign board shall be secured to at least one (1) four (4) inch by four (4) inch posts. Bracing shall be used in order for the sign board to withstand high wind conditions that may occur. Posts shall be dug twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) inches into the ground for stability. The top of the sign board shall be designed to be between four (4) and six (6) feet above grade.
 3. The applicant shall maintain the sign board in good condition throughout the application review period, which shall extend through the time of the final county

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5. Affidavit of Installation. The applicant shall execute an affidavit certifying where and when the sign board was posted and submit to the responsible official for inclusion in the project file at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

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4. Any other information determined appropriate by the department.

23.45.065 Homeless encampment—Application Review Procedures.

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- a. The Director shall review the proposal to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and all other applicable laws to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County are preserved, and to provide an expedient and reasonable land use review process for decisions and interpretations of this Chapter.
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~~20.35.060(C)~~ to establish a homeless encampment. This may be done concurrently with the notice of application required under 23.45.060(E).

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- E. No more than forty residents shall be allowed. The county may further limit the number of residents as site conditions dictate.
- F. Adequate onsite parking shall be provided for the homeless encampment. No offsite parking will be allowed. The number of vehicles used by homeless encampment residents shall be provided. If the homeless encampment is located on a site with another use, it shall be shown that the homeless encampment parking will not create a shortage of onsite parking for the other use/s on the property as estimated by the host.
- G. The homeless encampment shall be within a quarter mile of a bus stop with seven days per week service, whenever possible. If not located within a quarter mile of a bus stop, the sponsoring agency must demonstrate the ability for residents to obtain access to the nearest public transportation stop (such as carpools or shuttle buses).

- H. The homeless encampment shall be adequately screened from any adjacent right of way and residence. Screening shall be a minimum height of six feet and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of sight obscuring fencing, landscaping, or the placement of the homeless encampment behind buildings. The type of screening shall be approved by the department.
- I. All sanitary portable toilets shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights-of-way. The type of screening shall be approved by the county and may include, but is not limited to, a combination of fencing and/or landscaping.
- J. Indoor encampments and all ~~Any~~ temporary structures within the homeless encampment shall conform to all building codes.
- K. At minimum, the homeless encampment shall conform to the following fire requirements:
 - 1. Material used as roof covering and walls shall be of flame retardant material;
 - 2. There shall be no open fires;
 - 3. No heating appliances, except electric heaters, within the individual camping units or temporary structures are allowed, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - 4. No cooking appliances other than microwave appliances are allowed within the individual camping units or temporary structures, except for those common to and located inside recreational vehicles or tiny homes if there is no additional risk to health and safety;
 - 5. An adequate number and appropriate rating of fire extinguishers shall be provided as approved by the fire department;
 - 6. Adequate access for fire and emergency medical apparatus shall be provided. This shall be determined by the fire department;
 - 7. Adequate separation between camping units and other structures shall be maintained as determined by the fire department, but in no case, less than ten feet; and
 - 8. Electrical service shall be in accordance with recognized and accepted practice; Electrical cords are not to be strung together and any cords used must be approved for exterior use.
- L. No homeless encampment shall be permitted on public rights-of-way.
- M. Because a homeless encampment is a non-traditional living arrangement and therefore provides less privacy and more complex living arrangements than traditional homes, a distance requirement that provides visual separation and buffering from other sensitive land use activities is considered appropriate. To satisfy this concern, no shelter shall be permitted within three hundred feet from the property line of a licensed child daycare facility or any public or private pre-school or elementary, middle, or high school. However, in the event that a daycare or school is located within the property of a potential host agency, this requirement may be waived by the director if the owner of the daycare or principal of the school agrees to the waiving of the distance requirement.

23.45.090 Operations and security plan required.

- A. The host and/or sponsoring agency shall submit an operations and security plan to the department as part of the permit application for the homeless encampment. The security plan shall address potential security and neighborhood impacts within five hundred (500) feet of the temporary site.
- B. The host agency shall provide to all residents of the homeless encampment a "Code of Conduct" for living at the encampment. A copy of the "Code of Conduct" shall be submitted as part of the operations and security plan.
- C. All homeless encampment residents must sign an agreement to abide by the code of conduct. Failure to abide by the code of conduct and the operations and security plan shall result in the noncompliant resident's immediate and permanent expulsion from the property.
- D. The sponsoring agency shall keep a log of all people who stay overnight in the encampment, including names, birth dates, and dates of stay. Logs shall be kept for a minimum of six months and made available to the county and the sheriff's office upon request.
- E. The sponsoring agency shall take all reasonable and legal steps to obtain verifiable ID. The sponsoring agency may require presentation of identification such as a driver's license, government issued identification card, military identification or passport, fingerprinting technologies, or other reasonable forms of identification from prospective and existing encampment residents.
- F. The host agency shall ensure there is a security tent that is labeled with a visible sign indicating it is the security tent. The security tent shall have an operational telephone or cell phone that is manned twenty-four hours a day seven days a week and must provide the phone number to ~~CAPCOM~~ TCOMM (county dispatch center). The security tent shall be located near the entrance of the encampment and be staffed by a volunteer, encampment resident, designated representative of the host agency, or other responsible person.
- G. The sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may use verifiable identification listed in this section (23.45.090 TCC), to obtain sex offender and warrant checks ~~from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for prospective and existing homeless encampment residents.~~
 - 1. If said warrant and sex offender checks reveal either (1) an existing or outstanding warrant from any jurisdiction in the United States for the arrest of the individual who is the subject of the check; or (2) the subject of the check is a sex offender, required to register with the county sheriff or their county of residence pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130, then sponsoring agency ~~will~~ may reject the subject to the check for residency to homeless encampment or eject the subject of the check if that person is already a homeless encampment resident.
 - 2. The sponsoring agency shall immediately contact the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's Office~~ TCOMM if the reason for rejection or ejection of an individual from the homeless encampment is an active warrant or if, in the opinion of the on duty designated representative of the host agency or the on duty security staff, the rejected/ejected person is a potential threat to the community.
- H. The sponsoring agency shall self police and self manage its residents and shall prohibit alcohol,

illegal drugs, ~~weapons~~, fighting, and abuse of any kind, littering or disturbing neighbors while located on the property.

- I. The sponsoring agency will appoint a designated representative of the host agency to serve on duty at all times to serve as a point of contact for the ~~Thurston County Sheriff's Office~~ responding agency and will orient the officers or deputies as to how the security tent operates. The names of the on duty designated representative of the host agency will be posted daily in the security tent. The county shall provide contact numbers of non-emergency personnel which shall be posted at the security tent.
- J. Visitors: Visitors to the encampment must meet the following procedures and requirements:
 - 1. Visitors to the encampment must be invited and accompanied by a resident and must be able to show picture ID.
 - 2. Visitors may be at the encampment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - 3. Visitors may not stay overnight unless they get permission from the host and complete the same background check requirements as required for residents.
- K. The homeless encampment shall have a numbering system to easily identify each of the tents. A map of the homeless encampment indicating the general location and the numbering of the tents shall be posted at the security tent.
- L. The host agency shall provide proof of general liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars per occurrence.

23.45.100 Timing.

- A. No more than one homeless encampment may be located in each of the sheriff districts in Thurston County at any time but never more than two homeless encampments may be located within unincorporated Thurston Count at any one time.
- B. Duration of the homeless encampment shall not exceed ~~one hundred eighty days~~ three hundred and sixty-five (365) days. One (1) one-year permit extension may be granted by the Director upon the submittal of a letter from the Host Agency requesting said extension. Extension of any waived requirements under TCC 21.64.130 must also be requested. After one (1) extension has been granted, a new temporary use permit under this Chapter shall be required.
- C. No host agency shall host a homeless encampment on the same or nearby lot, as defined at TCC 20.03.040 (83) (d), more than one time in any twelve-month period, beginning on the date the homeless encampment locates on a parcel of property.

23.45.110 Inspections.

The sponsoring and host agencies shall permit inspections by Thurston County, the applicable fire district, public health, environmental health, and the sheriff's office at reasonable times without prior notice for compliance with the conditions of the permit for the homeless encampment.

23.45.120 Termination and Revocation.

- A. Homeless Encampment Permit Termination. If the sponsoring agency fails to take action against a resident who violates the terms and conditions of this permit, it may result in immediate termination of the permit. If the county learns of acts of violence by residents of the encampment and the sponsoring agency has not adequately addressed the situation, the permit may be immediately terminated.
- B. Homeless Encampment Permit Revocation. Upon determination that there has been a violation of any approval criteria or condition of application, the Director or the Director's designee may give written notice to the permit holder describing the alleged violation. Within fourteen (14) days of the mailing of notice of violation, the permit holder shall show cause why the permit should not be revoked. At the end of the fourteen (14) day period, the Director or the Director's designee shall sustain or revoke the permit. When a Homeless Encampment Permit is revoked, the Director or the Director's designee shall notify the permit holder by first class and certified mail of the revocation and the findings upon which revocation is based. Appeals from the Director's decision to revoke a temporary Homeless Encampment permit shall be to Superior Court.

23.45.130 Emergency Waiver.

Upon adoption of an emergency resolution by the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners declaring a public health emergency or crisis and after consultation with stakeholders, the requirements of this Chapter may be waived or modified by the Director or his or her designee for faith-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations and units of government, except for the requirements in TCC 23.45.080 (C), (I), (J), and (K), and TCC 23.45.090 (B), (C), (G), and (H). Waiver or modification of TCC 23.45.080 (A) and (B) also requires concurrence by the Thurston County Health Officer in addition to the other requirements necessary for waiver under this Section. Any waiver of the requirements of this Chapter shall be valid for the duration of the temporary use permit as long as the Thurston County Board of Health and/or the Thurston County Board of Commissioners continues to find that the public health emergency exists. If a public health emergency is rescinded, the applicant has ninety (90) days to remedy any waived conditions consistent with the requirements of this Chapter.

Chapter 23.72 – Administration

23.72.040 – Application review procedures.

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Table 72.01.

Permit Review Matrix

Olympia UGA Zoning Ordinance

Permit/Review	Staff/ Director	Hearing Examiner (open hearing)	Planning Commission (open hearing)	Board of County Commissioners (closed hearing)	Review Process Timeline			
					Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
...								
Other administrative decisions/code interpretations	D	A		A	✓			
<u>Temporary Use Permit for Homeless Encampments (23.45 TCC)¹</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Appealable directly to Superior Court.</u>			<u>✓</u>			
Amendments to administrative actions	D	A		A	✓			

¹ Permits for homeless encampments are considered a temporary use. Where application requirements and procedures for review differ from those laid out in this chapter, the requirements and procedures in Chapter 23.45 TCC apply. Administrative Decisions made by the Director are considered final and are directly appealable to Superior Court.

** Site-specific rezones for which a corresponding joint plan amendment is required, which are approved by the board of county commissioners, follows the process for comprehensive plan amendments, zoning text amendments, and legislative rezones.

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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.



THURSTON COUNTY
Community Planning and Economic Development
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Emergency Housing Ordinance:
Permitting Criteria Flexibility

2. Name of applicant:

Thurston County Community Planning
and Economic Development

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Maya Teeple, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia WA 98502
360-545-2593

4. Date checklist prepared:

June 21, 2022

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Thurston County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Final action planned by December 2022

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

If adopted, there may be future developments that are permitted under the proposed regulations. Each development must still apply and go through the permitting process.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

SEPA prepared for the amendments adopted under the original ordinance # 14402 on 9-7-2010.
Determination of non-significance issued for those regulations.

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Project # : 2022103138

Related Cases: _____

Date Received: 6/23/2022

By: _____

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9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

N/A

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Amendments must be certified by WA State Dept. of Commerce as in compliance with the Growth Management Act.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This is a non-project action. Amendments to Homeless Encampments Chapters (Chapter 20.35, 21.64, 22.62, and 23.54) and Administrative Procedures Chapters of the Thurston County Code (Chapters 20.60, 21.81, 22.62, and 23.72). Amendments allow for flexibility of permitting criteria by allowing the Director to waive some requirements unrelated to public health and safety in the event of an emergency or crisis, and also provide greater clarity around application requirements and permitting procedures.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Thurston County (rural and Urban Growth Areas of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater)



THURSTON COUNTY
Community Planning & Economic Development
ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site: (check one):

- ☒ Flat
- ☒ Rolling
- ☒ Hilly
- ☒ Steep Slopes
- ☒ Mountainous

Other: Varies across County

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

N/A

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

N/A

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

N/A

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

N/A

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

N/A

2. **Air** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

N/A

3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

N/A

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

N/A

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

N/A

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

N/A

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

N/A

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

N/A

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

N/A

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
☒ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
☒ shrubs
☒ grass
☒ pasture
☒ crop or grain
☒ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
☒ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
☒ other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Varies across County

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Varies across County

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

N/A

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

N/A

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other X

Varies across County

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Varies across County

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

N/A

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

N/A

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A

6. *Energy and Natural Resources* [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

N/A

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?
If so, generally describe.

N/A

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?
List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

N/A

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/A

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

N/A

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

N/A

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/A

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

N/A

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated,

how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

N/A

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

N/A

c. Describe any structures on the site.

N/A

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

N/A

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Varies across County

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Varies across County

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Varies across County

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

N/A

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

N/A

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

N/A

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/A

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

N/A

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

N/A

9. **Housing** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

N/A

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

N/A

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

N/A

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

N/A

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

N/A

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

N/A

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

N/A

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

N/A

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

N/A

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

N/A

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

Varies across County.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

Varies across County.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

N/A

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

N/A

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

N/A

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

N/A

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

N/A

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

N/A

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

N/A

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would

be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

N/A

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

N/A

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

N/A

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

N/A

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

N/A

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

electricity ☐ natural gas ☐ water ☐ refuse service ☐ telephone ☐ sanitary sewer ☐
septic system ☐ Other VARIES

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Maya Teeple Digitally signed by Maya Teeple
Date: 2022.07.11 10:55:06 -0700

Name of signer Maya B Teeple

Position and Agency/Organization Thurston County Community Planning

Date Submitted: 6/23/2022

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed amendments allows for some permitting requirements to be waived in an emergency.

Under the current regulations, homeless encampments are required to have necessary on-site facilities, including sanitary portable toilets, hand-washing stations, refuse receptacles, and potable water sources with back-flow prevention as approved by the local water district and county (TCC 20.35.080(1) & (2), TCC 21.64.080(A) & (B), TCC 22.52.080(A) & (B), and TCC 23.45.080(A) & (B)).

The proposed amendments would allow these requirements to be waived or modified under a public health emergency or crisis at the discretion of the Director with concurrence by the Thurston County Health Officer. In the event that these requirements are waived, there may be an increase to discharge to water.

Under current regulations, no more than 40 residents are permitted (TCC 20.35.080(5), TCC 21.64.080(E), TCC 22.52.080(E), and TCC 23.45.080(E)). This criteria may be waived under a public health emergency or crisis at the discretion of the Director. Waiving this requirement may result in temporary periods of increased production of noise above what the existing regulations would allow.

Production, storage and release of toxic hazardous substances is unexpected to change with the proposed amendments.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Waiver of any requirements are at the discretion of the Director and Health Officer after review of site-specific conditions and after consultation with stakeholders. Permitting requirements may only be waived during a declared health emergency or crisis.

The Director and Health Officer may consider site-specific criteria when waiving requirements and ultimately determine that certain requirements may not be waived. For example, the Director may decide to not waive the limit on number of residents if the application is for a facility nearby to a residential area, or the Health Officer may not waive portable toilets and hand-washing stations if there is no alternative bathroom facility nearby or the site is near to body of water. A level of review is still required for any application that wishes to waive requirements.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Project-level applications may have impacts during development that impact plants or animals, however the proposed amendments are not expected to increase these impacts any more than under the current regulations.

Current regulations do not allow for homeless encampments to be located within a critical area or its buffer. The proposed amendments maintain this criteria as a requirement, and it cannot be waived.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None proposed as there are no expected increase in impacts to plants, animals, fish or marine life.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

There are no expected increases in impacts to energy or natural resources with the proposed amendments.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None proposed as there are no expected increase in impacts to energy or natural resources with the proposed amendments.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Current regulations do not allow for homeless encampments to be located within a critical area or its buffer. There are no expected increases in impacts to parks, wilderness areas, or historic/cultural sites. The current regulations may allow for temporary impacts to parks or wilderness areas if an encampment is sited in close proximity to these areas, however the proposed amendments are not expected to increase these impacts any more than what would occur under current regulations.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

No additional measures are proposed as there are no expected increase in impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, parks, habitat, historic sites, wetlands, floodplains or farmlands. Specific measures may be determined at the individual project level dependent on site criteria.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed amendments are not expected to encourage land or shoreline uses that are incompatible with existing plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

No additional measures are proposed. Specific measures may be determined at the individual project level dependent on site criteria.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposed amendments would not increase demands on transportation infrastructure or public services and utilities. Current regulations require an encampment be sited within a quarter mile of a bus stop, so there may be periods of temporary increases in use of public transit under current regulations. The proposed amendments may allow for waiver of criteria that limits the number of residents in an encampment which could further increase use of public transit.

The proposed amendments also allow the permitting criteria requiring encampments be close to a bus stop to be waived in a declared emergency, which would result in no change in impact to public transit.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

No additional measures are proposed.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

None. The goal of this project is to be in full compliance with the Growth Management Act. Additional review may be required at the permitting stage to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal environmental laws.

Public Comments on Homeless Encampments Ordinance (Current Proposal & Interim)

Unique ID	Date	Commenter Name	Source	Type of Comment	Summary	County Response	Response Method	Response Date
1	10/13/2021	Philip Sherman	Email	Change Requested	Please add a clause that any homeless mitigation site requires any such property to be within 800 feet of that district Commissioner's home.	Comment forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration. More related to renewal of interim regulations.		
2	11/12/2021	Madeline Bishop	Email	Support	I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to give houseless people stability in their lives. Please make the interim homeless encampment regulations permanent.	Comment forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration.	Email	11/15/2021
3	11/13/2021	Sharon Herting	Email	Support	I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to give houseless people stability in their lives. Please make the interim homeless encampment regulations permanent.	Comment forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration.	Email	11/15/2021
4	12/1/2021	Anonymous	Email	Change Requested	The County should look into tackling prices of places to live and cost of landlords that rent to combat homelessness.	Comment forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration.	Email	12/3/2021

From: [Phillip Sherman](#)
To: [Stacy Klein](#); [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Incoming Emergency Housing Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:12:17 PM

What are you commenting on? Choose one: BOTH. My comment applies to both.

Your Name (optional): Phillip Sherman

Your email address (optional): johnbigboote42@comcast.net

Your Comment: As part of any amendment, as to where any homeless mitigation site could be located, please add a clause requiring any such property be within 800 feet of that district commissioner's home. I'm sure they would appreciate the ease of contact with those households. This would facilitate a vital hands on oversight for any needs or wants those individuals would need and help minimize any further stress for those disadvantaged individuals.

Time: October 13, 2021 at 11:12 pm

IP Address: 73.181.159.13

Contact Form URL: <https://thurstoncomments.org/comment-on-emergency-housing/>

Sent by an unverified visitor to your site.

From: [Madeline Bishop](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Code Docket Item A-24
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 8:11:59 PM

Dear Project Manager Leah Davis and Senior Planner Maya Teeple,

I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to give houseless people stability in their lives. A place to park a car, RV or tent if needed. They need a safe, stable environment from which to begin to rebuild their lives. I urge you to make the interim homeless encampment regulations permanent.

Sincerely,

Madeline Bishop from Olympia,98513

From: [Sharon Herting](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Code Docket Item A-24
Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021 8:04:05 AM

Dear Project Manager Leah Davis and Senior Planner Maya Teeple,

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Sincerely,

Sharon Herting from Olympia, 98502

From: WordPress.com
To: [Stacy Klein](#); [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Incoming Emergency Housing Comment
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:24:19 AM

What are you commenting on? Choose one: BOTH. My comment applies to both.

Your Name (optional):

Your email address (optional):

Your Comment: So I get the issue. But currently all places to live in Thurston County have gone up more than people can make. You expect people to pay for roofs over there head. But food is also going up. Maybe tackle over pricing of places to live. Unless you want the homeless numbers to continue to rise. Greed is no excuse. Maybe fix how much land is worth to force the landlords to lower their prices. If they refuse to fine them. Tackle what you can

Time: December 1, 2021 at 11:24 am

IP Address: 73.239.172.190

Contact Form URL: <https://thurstoncomments.org/comment-on-emergency-housing/>

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INTERIM EHO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Summer 2019

Public comments received on the public draft of the Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations between March 19, 2019 and May 7, 2019.

Unique ID	Date	Commenter Name	Contact Email	Type of Comment	Summary	County Response
1	6-May-19	Andrea Williams	SpokeWrench@gmail.com	Support	I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to the emergency Housing Ordinance. I support reducing barriers to shelter and housing, including making requirements around ID & Background Checks optional for Shelley providers. The emergency Housing Ordinance would allow for the low-barrier shelter options that many of our neighbors need survive and move towards increased stability. Please pass the proposed ordinance	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
2	7-May-19	Andy Maris	andymaris@msn.com	Against	I am opposed to any changes or relaxation to requirements surrounding homeless encampments in Thurston County for reasons of public health and safety. The recent surge in the homeless population is largely out of area transients with serious substance abuse issues; these are not locals down on their luck, they did not come here looking for employment or to contribute to our community. Although the resolution maintains required checks for sex offenders and open warrants there is no process to verify where the individuals were previously located, thus we are creating a destination for deviants who have been banned from services in other locations for bad behavior. It is clear to me that an endless expansion of services and changing of regulations to accommodate law breakers will only lead to more.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
3	16-Apr-19	Anthony Cole	toeknee.cole1@gmail.com	Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
4	15-Apr-19	Barbara Buehis (?)		Support	Please support an emergency waiver of code requirements allowing the County to develop several mitigation sites.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
5	6-May-19	Barbara Gross	bgrosspt@comcast.net	Support	While I realize that homelessness is a pervasive problem for Thurston County and its cities, I have concerns about expanding sanctioned homeless camps into the unincorporated county. Those who are homeless need support—in many realms. It is important that places where they camp do not cause environmental and health safety issues for them and for the rest of us. Bathrooms need to be provided and used. Garbage needs to be removed. However, encampments must be located in such places that the inhabitants can obtain access to other services. They should not be set up in places where there are no bus services, for example. Unfortunately, I suspect crime increases in areas around homeless encampment. Our county sheriffs office has limited numbers of sheriffs as is; more would be needed. Ultimately, we need coordinated services between all the municipalities and all of the needs. This is a difficult problem. Thank you for working on it. But please, keep the needs of the rest of us in mind too.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
6	26-Apr-19	Baurice and Julie Nelson	baurice@msn.com	Against	It has come to my attention a location very close to my home is being considered to house people. I can not stress enough how opposed to this we are. In fact over our Dead Bodies will you be locating this near our family and children. We are already looking to relocate to another state to get away from the crazy drug issues and enabling the local city of Olympia continues to do instead of cleaning this up and I have lived in Olympia my entire life. STOP HOUSING THESE DRUG ADDICTS and HELL NO will you do so near me..	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
7	25-Mar-19	Esther Kronenberg		Support	I comment to fully support amendments to Thurston County codes as part of the emergency housing interim regulations which will allow homeless encampments. A compassionate society does not allow people to live in degradation on the street. But not only does it dishonor the individual, it presents a danger to the public. Unregulated camping now threatens the public health through dumping and lack of sanitation to our streets and streams.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.

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8	24-Apr-19	Howard H Glastetter	Howard.glastetter@comcast.net	Against	I'm just an on-looker to this stubborn problem of homelessness. Solving this issue seems to have many needs, beyond simply offering a place to camp out. It would be interesting to have someone with a background in Habitat for Humanity discuss what is different about people in the past that used to want to help bootstrap themselves into a home and people today who appear to have given up. Permitting, what used to be called, hobo jungles to spring up here and there is not an answer that solves this homeless problem. It is a temporary band-aid that kicks the can down the road, only to be faced again. Having shelter of some permanence requires an eager responsible attitude, along with a whole support system of opportunity, employment and community support. Perhaps something like the Depression ERA Civilian Conservation Corps could make a good start for many short-changed youth, as it did back in those hard times. It should be done at the larger federal level, not the local level. However, there are county properties and state parks that need attention that might be a good place to camp, work and learn good habits – if the sites could be controlled and stay substance abuse free. A local experiment, along this line, could yield interesting results.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
9	18-Apr-19	Jean Garwood	jrgarwood@gmail.com	Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
10	24-Apr-19	Jim Wick	Jim@jrwick.com	Against	No tax dollars for the freeloaders. Send them on down the road.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
11	6-May-19	John Flory	camptoni@comcast.net	Support	I fully support the homeless mitigation site proposed for county land on the corner of Carpenter and Martin Way. Please place your support for the first of two county mitigation sites by voting for the Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations. Voting for this waiver is just the first step in a multi-jurisdictional project, therefore please continue support this site all the way through implementation, and beyond. We know homelessness is a crisis in our county and too long have authorities paid "lip service" towards programs structured to assist the homeless in getting off the streets, back in a home, and feeling part of society. Basic hygiene, being able to wash your hands, shower, use a toilet is a must for public health and mental health. With the fastest growing group of homeless being children and single mothers, we need this comprehensive plan to come together and help our fellow citizens now. We need the waiver, we need the land, and we need continued financial support from Thurston county.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
12	5-May-19	Jon Ceazan	jdceazan@gmail.com	Support	I support an emergency waiver of code requirements to create mitigation sites to assist the homeless in our community	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
13	25-Apr-19	Karen Verrill		Support	Please join me in support the Emergency Housing Interim Regulations!	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
14	16-Apr-19	Kristin Sundsten	kristinsundsten@yahoo.com	Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. This is just one step in addressing the homelessness issue in Olympia and I hope we take it!	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
15	25-Apr-19	Laurie Craig		Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.

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16	28-Apr-19	Leslie McClure	lespetmcc@gmail.com	Against	It's been posted on Nextdoor.com that Lacey is considering doing almost exactly what Seattle has done regarding the homeless. This is what we're told: "offers waivers to some existing requirements for homeless encampments in order to facilitate effective and timely service for the homelessness public health crisis as established by Resolution No. H-2-2018. " I lived in Seattle from 2010 to 2018 and I witnessed first hand what was badly handled by the City Council. Millions were wasted on bending rules and negating parity for tax paying citizens. It turned out to be enabling of the worst kind and KOMO did a piece called "Seattle Is Dying" because of it. If you ruin Lacey, the way Seattle is ruined (and Olympia is getting there), you will lose the huge population of seniors, who won't tolerate the crime and filth, and Lacey will become a warehouse community (in humans, as well as in buildings) that nobody wants to live in.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
17	1-May-19	Lisa Brining	Brining2013@gmail.com	Against	Thurston County would be negligently contributing to imbibe Wa State littering laws, violations of Wa State Solid and hazardous waste (as it appears this would not be household hazardous waste because it is on Thurston County property) and Wa State Human Health violations. Also discrimination of application of Thurston County code for such type of violations could occur as TC does not issue violations to themselves or the homeless but DO issue these violations to homeowners on their property. Class Action Civil correction may be taken up by the citizens of Thurston County! Do not allow messes in one place and enforce the same in another. (Essentially reverse environmental justice)!	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
18	9-Apr-19	Lisa Ornstein		Support	As a proud citizen & taxpayer in Thurston County, I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20, 21, 22, and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" & ask for your support.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
19	16-Apr-19	Madeline Bishop	mfbishop.bishop@gmail.com	Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask for the BOCC support it. Additionally, I ask that the County support the homeless by adding land and financial support to aid this regional problem.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
20	16-Apr-19	Mary Watt	MaryPhoenix@gmail.com	Support	Yesterday I was in Sylvester Park with 4 homeless individuals I know, two I know well. They were 3 women, age 26, and around 60 for the other two. Also a homeless man around 60. The 26 year old has a "permanent" shelter bed. The others do not. They go to Interfaith Shelter every day at 5 pm to see if they are lucky enough to get a bed for one night. Often they do not get a bed. These people are members of our community and they deserve housing. It is criminal to not provide temporary and long term housing. I am 66 and living on social security and a little bit more. I am very saddened to see people with no home. It's wrong. We need to help the most vulnerable and the most in need. I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
21	6-May-19	Regon Unsoeld, JustHousing	contact@justhousing.org	Support	Just Housing- a local homeless advocacy group- believes the proposed changes are essential for the County to be a more active participant in responding to our regional homeless crisis. We hope you will move forward with approving the current amendments to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance. While we see many positive changes in the currently proposed amendments, we also recognize that there are some amendments that The City of Olympia made to their respective ordinances that are not reflected in the County's amendments- primarily related to the language around ID/background check/reporting requirements. We want to encourage you, as you move forward, to seriously consider reducing the barriers around ID, background check, and reporting requirements in the same way that Olympia has- by using language that allows for, but does not mandate, these requirements.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
22	25-Apr-19	Rhonda Porter		Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.

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23	16-Apr-19	Sharon Herting	seherting@hotmail.com	Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
24	16-Apr-19	Susan Stack	Doublestack@comcast.net	Support	As a voter and supporter of our county's work to help those in need, and a former volunteer in homeless outreach, I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
25	18-Apr-19	Tom Dyer	tdyer@washingtton.edu	Support	I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
26	6-May-19	Tyler Gundel	tyegundel1994@gmail.com	Support	My name is Tye Gundel and I am a resident of Olympia. I have worked with many homeless social service agencies over the years and currently organize with Just Housing, a group that works directly with those living in homeless encampments. Thank you for all the work you have done recently to help our community better respond to this crisis and for considering the currently proposed amendments to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance. I hope that you will move forward with the currently proposed amendments as soon as possible. Our community really needs the County's support to adequately address this crisis and approving these amendments will increase the County's ability to be a key player in the response. I also wholeheartedly believe that these changes will open doors for solutions that will improve the well-being, public health, and safety of everyone in Thurston County. In the future, I also hope that you will consider further amending the ordinance to reduce barriers around IDs, background checks, and reporting requirements.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
27	23-Apr-19	Vera Spooone Kelly		Support	Because my children are barely making it financially and could very well end up homeless, I truly support the "Community Planning Titles 20, 21, &23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations. We need the waiver, we need the land, and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
28	1-May-19	Wendy Holden	Kwh1@comcast.net	Information Requested	Ian, is there any particular property in mind for an emergency homeless camp? Thanks.	Connected Wendy with PHSS to discuss specific site possibilities. Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners
29	7-May-19	Polly Taylor	pollyktaylor@comcast.net	Support	I support waiving code requirements which would allow the County to more effectively respond to the homelessness crisis AND to encourage the BoCC to add funding and make land available for this purpose.	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.

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30	7-May-19	Suzie LeFurgey	suzanleforgevworks@hotmail.com	Support	<p>Thank you, thank you, thank you for considering these actions and for being an active participant in responding to this regional crisis. Please move forward with amendments to the Emergency Housing Ordinance and, in the near future, support further reducing barriers, including the requirements around ID & Background Checks, to fully mirror amendments made by The City of Olympia. Reducing unnecessary barriers opens doors for a greater variety of creative and effective solutions to our housing and homelessness crisis. Lowering barriers 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. In this way, it allows for a range of low to high barrier facilities.</p> <p>Lowering barriers to shelter is an evidence-based, effective 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. Evidence-based best practices have shown that people are better able to address substance use, mental health, and medical health challenges when they have a stable place find shelter.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moving forward with the current proposed amendments & reducing further barriers enables our government entities to respond to this crisis like the emergency it truly is.</p>	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
31	7-May-19	David Thysell	daveth@thurston.com	Against	<p>Thank you for expressing what I think is a widely held belief about the houseless community—the need for accountability for those living at mitigation sites (and elsewhere), and the very real possibility that there is may be more than a little enabling going on. I would suggest that in fact, we've created an alternative life style for some folks in our Olympia area and surrounds. I also fully understand that there are plenty of folks out there with very real drug and alcohol problems, mental illness, disabilities, or inability to afford housing. I am certainly not without compassion for such folks and do hope for better lives for all of them.</p> <p>Your point about the ticketing of expired license drivers while little is done to those parked incessantly along the shoulder of Wheeler (a designated bike path!) and other such localities was right on the spot. I have repeatedly brought this situation to the attention of my city officials, but the situation along Wheeler continues to deteriorate.</p>	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.
32	7-May-19	Jeremy Zwiefel		Against	<p>While the current ordinance outlines vast and important issues related to the very serious homelessness situation regionally, the outcome of passing said emergency housing ordinance will be long-term and difficult to repeal once passed. To create an emergency ordinance that basically overrides almost every aspect of this code, without any precedent that would indicate it is a faulty process, is absurd.</p>	Forwarded to Board of County Commissioners.

From: Andrea Cascadia <spokewrench@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to the emergency Housing Ordinance. I support reducing barriers to shelter and housing, including making requirements around ID & Background Checks optional for Shelley y providers.

I have lived in Olympia for twenty years and am proud to call Thurston County my home. I am especially proud of our work as a community to find creative and humane strategies to combat the trend of high-priced and high-barrier housing while also creating low barrier shelter and transitional housing for our most vulnerable and marginalized neighbors. I own a home in Olympia and work as a registered nurse; I also volunteer as an RN at a low barrier shelter in Olympia. I see the harms of chronic poverty from many angles and I see many of my neighbors cycling between hospitals, shelters, and jails without the stability they need to maintain medication regimens and change behavior patterns.

The emergency Housing Ordinance would allow for the low-barrier shelter options that many of our neighbors need survive and move towards increased stability. Please pass the proposed ordinance

Sincerely,

Andrea Williams

Ian Lefcourte

From: Andy Maris <andymaris@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Input on hearing

Comment Unique ID: 2

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Need to Add, Housing

Ian,

Thanks for providing info on the resolution. Below is my input regarding the vote.

I am opposed to any changes or relaxation to requirements surrounding homeless encampments in Thurston County for reasons of public health and safety. The recent surge in the homeless population is largely out of area transients with serious substance abuse issues; these are not locals down on their luck, they did not come here looking for employment or to contribute to our community. Although the resolution maintains required checks for sex offenders and open warrants there is no process to verify where the individuals were previously located, thus we are creating a destination for deviants who have been banned from services in other locations for bad behavior. It is clear to me that an endless expansion of services and changing of regulations to accommodate law breakers will only lead to more.

In Olympia and neighboring cities, delusion has been masquerading as compassion and the inmates have been running the show. I've watched the video on the county website from February and was appalled at what was described as progress in terms of the diversionary efforts to keep lawbreakers who are without question drug addicts out of jail. There is no accountability for the deviant behavior of the homeless and the actions of our local governments has made us the nation's destination for deviants who show no interest in changing their situation. My wife and young daughter were accosted by one of these individuals leaving Lake Fair last year. We have abandoned going downtown because the city of Olympia would rather cater to the needs of the homeless than our family. We've had enough.

The only resolution I will support is a hard back stop which forces these people to realize they have hit bottom and to stop using Thurston County as a playground for mayhem and addiction. I realize that the resolution is only regarding the zoning and permit regulations, but it is with recognition to the larger public safety and health problem that I believe this resolution will only make the situation worse.

Regards,

Andy Maris

From: [Tony Cole](#)
To: [John Hutchings](#)
Subject: Community Planning Titles
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 2:05:21 PM

Comment Unique ID: 3

Dear Commission,

I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.

Sincerely,

Anthony Cole. 1717 Cooper Pt. Rd. Olympia, WA.

Com. Hutchings -

Please support an emergency
waiver of code requirements
allowing the County to develop several
mitigation sites. "Community Planning
Support the "Community Planning
Titles 20, 21, 22 + 23. amendments

Thank you

Barbara Auehan

Comment Unique ID: 4

From: [Barbara Gross](#)
To: [Ian Lefcourte](#)
Subject: Homeless camps in Thurston County
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 9:57:09 AM

Comment Unique ID: 5

To whom it may concern:

While I realize that homelessness is a pervasive problem for Thurston County and its cities, I have concerns about expanding sanctioned homeless camps into the unincorporated county. Those who are homeless need support—in many realms. It is important that places where they camp do not cause environmental and health safety issues for them and for the rest of us. Bathrooms need to be provided and used. Garbage needs to be removed. However, encampments must be located in such places that the inhabitants can obtain access to other services. They should not be set up in places where there are no bus services, for example. Unfortunately, I suspect crime increases in areas around homeless encampment. Our county sheriffs office has limited numbers of sheriffs as is; more would be needed. Ultimately, we need coordinated services between all the municipalities and all of the needs. This is a difficult problem. Thank you for working on it. But please, keep the needs of the rest of us in mind too.

Barbara Gross
Woodard Bay Rd NE
Olympia

From: [Baurice Nelson](#)
To: [Ian Lefcourte](#)
Subject: Emergency Housing Locations
Date: Friday, April 26, 2019 5:15:07 PM

Comment Unique ID: 6

Hello,

It has come to my attention a location very close to my home is being considered to house people. I can not stress enough how opposed to this we are.

In fact over our Dead Bodies will you be locating this near our family and children. We are already looking to relocate to another state to get away from the crazy drug issues and enabling the local city of Olympia continues to do instead of cleaning this up and I have lived in Olympia my entire life. STOP HOUSING THESE DRUG ADDICTS and HELL NO will you do no near me.

Baurice & Julie Nelson

To: County_Commissioners

Subject: Comments on Emergency Housing Interim Regulations

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To: **the Thurston County Commissioners**

Comment Unique ID: 7

Subject: **Comments on Emergency Housing Interim Regulations**

From: **Esther Kronenberg**

Email (if provided):

Message:

I comment to fully support amendments to Thurston County codes as part of the emergency housing interim regulations which will allow homeless encampments.

We know homelessness is at crisis proportions all over the state. We know that the high cost of housing is a major cause. People who can't afford the rents because of job loss or medical bills need someplace to sleep. People on the street with addiction issues need care.

A compassionate society does not allow people to live in degradation on the street. But not only does it dishonor the individual, it presents a danger to the public. Unregulated camping now threatens the public health through dumping and lack of sanitation to our streets and streams.

We need to provide basic sanitation and a safe place to lay their heads to those suffering from homelessness.

While this is an emergency measure, the County and cities will need to devise a strategy for more permanent housing.

Revised 1/22/2017

Ian Lefcourte

From: Howard Glastetter <howard.glastetter@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 8:46 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Homeless Issue comment

Comment Unique ID: 8

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Added

Mr. Lefcourte,

I'm just an on-looker to this stubborn problem of homelessness. Solving this issue seems to have many needs, beyond simply offering a place to camp out. It would be interesting to have someone with a background in Habitat for Humanity discuss what is different about people in the past that used to want to help bootstrap themselves into a home and people today who appear to have given up. Permitting, what used to be called, hobo jungles to spring up here and there is not an answer that solves this homeless problem. It is a temporary band-aid that kicks the can down the road, only to be faced again.

Having shelter of some permanence requires an eager responsible attitude, along with a whole support system of opportunity, employment and community support. Perhaps something like the Depression ERA Civilian Conservation Corps could make a good start for many short-changed youth, as it did back in those hard times. It should be done at the larger federal level, not the local level. However, there are county properties and state parks that need attention that might be a good place to camp, work and learn good habits – if the sites could be controlled and stay substance abuse free. A local experiment, along this line, could yield interesting results.

Sincerely,

Howard H Glastetter
Howard.glastetter@comcast.net
(360)491-6645
Cell (360)556-1574

Everything should be as simple as it can be, but no simpler.
Albert Einstein

Ian Lefcourte

From: Thomasina Cooper on behalf of Tye Menser
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: FW: Community Planning

Comment Unique ID: 9

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Added

Hi Ian- EHO comment for the record below.

Thanks!
Thomasina

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

From: Jean Garwood <jrgarwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Tye Menser <tye.menser@co.thurston.wa.us>; johnhutchings@co.thurstonwa.us; Gary Edwards <gary.edwards@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Community Planning

I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort. We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County Jean Garwood
2107 Beta St. SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Ian Lefcourte

From: Jim Wick <jim@jrwick.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Homeless housing
Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

Comment Unique ID: 10

No tax dollars for the freeloaders. Send them on down the road.

Jim@jrwick.com
360-790-3600

Ian Lefcourte

From: Kris & John Flory <tubaphone09@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 6:42 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim regulations

Comment Unique ID: 11

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

Mr Lefcourte,
Below is a copy of my letter in support of the county's mitigation sites plan that I have sent to each commissioner.

Thank you,
John Flory

Commissioner,
I fully support the homeless mitigation site proposed for county land on the corner of Carpenter and Martin Way. Please place your support for the first of two county mitigation sites by voting for the Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations. Voting for this waiver is just the first step in a multi-jurisdictional project, therefore please continue support this site all the way through implementation, and beyond.
We know homelessness is a crisis in our county and too long have authorities paid "lip service" towards programs structured to assist the homeless in getting off the streets, back in a home, and feeling part of society. Basic hygiene, being able to wash your hands, shower, use a toilet is a must for public health and mental health. With the fastest growing group of homeless being children and single mothers, we need this comprehensive plan to come together and help our fellow citizens now.
We need the waiver, we need the land, and we need continued financial support from Thurston county.
Thank you,

John M Flory, DVM
6215 95th Ave SW
Olympia, WA 98512

(360)790-6184
tubaphone09@comcast.net

Ian Lefcourte

From: Thomasina Cooper
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: FW: Homelessness

Comment Unique ID: 12

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Added, Housing

From: Thurston County | Send Email <spout@co.thurston.wa.us>
Sent: Sunday, May 5, 2019 11:36 PM
To: Tye Menser <tye.menser@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Homelessness

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To: Tye Menser - District 3 Commissioner

Subject: Homelessness

From: Jon Ceazan

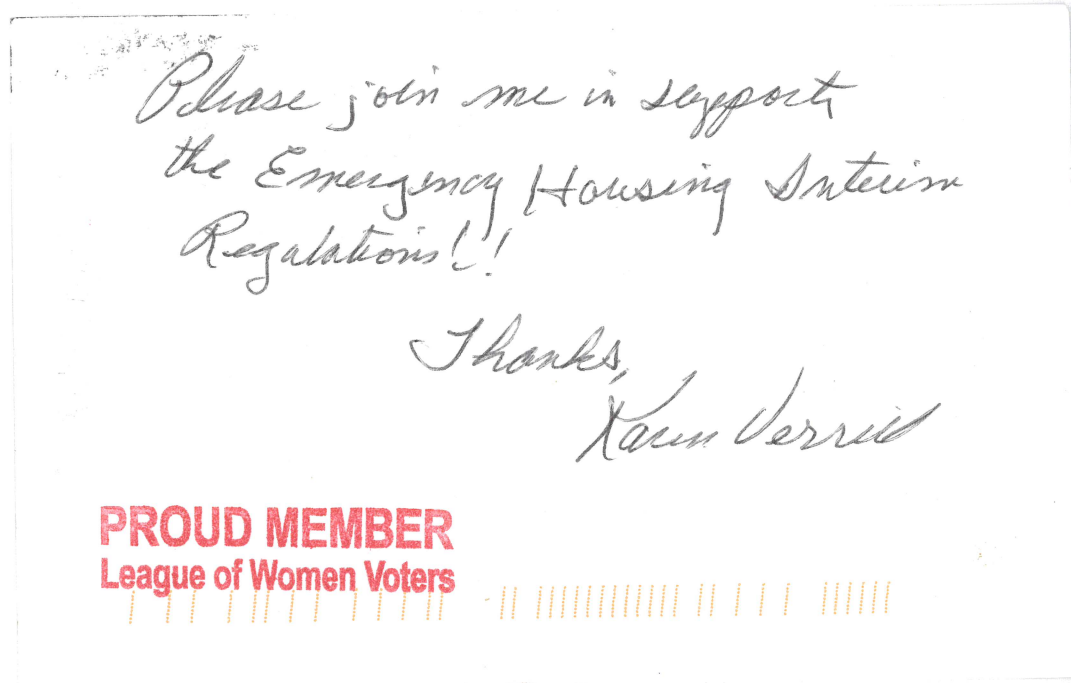
Email (if provided): jdceazan@gmail.com

Message:

I support an emergency waiver of code requirements to create mitigation sites to assist the homeless in our community

Revised 1/22/2017

Comment Unique ID: 13



Ian Lefcourte

From: Kristin Sundsten <kristinsundsten@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 3:42 PM
To: John Hutchings
Subject: Homeless mitigation site

Comment Unique ID: 14

John,
I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort.
We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County. This is just one step in addressing the homelessness issue in Olympia and I hope we take it!
Sincerely,

Kristin Sundsten
1612 Capitol Way south
Olympia, WA 98501

Sent from my iPhone

Comment Unique ID: 13

Please join me in supporting the new
Emergency Housing Interim Regulations.
All of our citizens need a safe place to live
with adequate heat + water -

Thank you,
Karen Verrell

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

Comment Unique ID: 13

Please join me in supporting "Community Planning
Titles 20, 21, 22, + 23 regarding Emergency Housing
Ordinance Interim Regulations. We need the waiver, we
need the land + we need ongoing financial support
from Thurston County.
We must care for all our citizens, our land
+ our water. Please support this effort.

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

Karen Verrell

I fully support the "Community
Planning Titles 20, 21, 22 and 23 amendments -
Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim
Regulations" and ask for the Board support.
We need the waiver, we need the land and
we need ongoing financial support from

Thurston County

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

Rebecca Porter

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

Dear Mr. Menner,
I fully support the Comm.
Planning Titles 21, 20, 22, 23 -
Emergency Housing. Please also
put funds w/ in the budget
to help support these initiatives.
Best,

Laurie Craig
League of Wm Voters

Comment Unique ID: 22

Comment Unique ID: 15

From: LPMc <lespetmcc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2019 8:14 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: About the homeless

Comment Unique ID: 16

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Need to Add, Housing

Dear Mr. Lefcourte,
It's been posted on Nextdoor.com that Lacey is considering doing almost exactly what Seattle has done regarding the homeless.

This is what we're told:
"offers **waivers** to some existing requirements for homeless encampments in order to facilitate effective and timely service for the homelessness public health crisis as established by Resolution No. H-2-2018. "

I lived in Seattle from 2010 to 2018 and I witnessed first hand what was badly handled by the City Council. Millions were wasted on bending rules and negating *parity* for tax paying citizens. It turned out to be *enabling* of the worst kind and KOMO did a piece called "Seattle Is Dying" because of it.

The city of Marysville has seen impressive returns (20% reduction in crime) from a 2018 program that offers its homeless lawbreakers an ultimatum: Accept help, or go to jail. According to Mayor Jon Nehring, "In Marysville, we don't tolerate sleeping under bridges [or] illegal camping, [and] we discourage our citizens from giving to panhandlers — we encourage them to give to local charities instead."

That way, rather than simply clearing homeless encampments only to see them pop up somewhere else, a concerted effort is being expended to get to the root of the issue. Take away the option to continue trespassing and committing crimes, argued Mayor Nehring, and you leave people with a simple choice.

"It's a two-pronged approach," he described. "You can take that option, which we would much prefer. If not, if you're committing crimes, we're going to take you to jail."

If you ruin Lacey, the way Seattle is ruined (and Olympia is getting there), you will lose the huge population of seniors, who won't tolerate the crime and filth, and Lacey will become a warehouse community (in humans, as well as in buildings) that nobody wants to live in.

STOP IT,
Leslie McClure

Comment Unique ID: 16

Ian Lefcourte

From: Lisa Brining <brining2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 7:43 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Ordinance Change for Homeless Encampments

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Added

Comment Unique ID: 17

Thurston County would be negligently contributing to embibe Wa State littering laws, violations of Wa State Solid and hazardous waste (as it appears this would bot be household hazardous waste because it is on thurston county property) and Wa State Human Health violations. Also discrimination of applicatiin of Thurston County code for such type of violations could iccur as TC does not issue viilations to themselves or the homeless but DO issue these violations to homeowners on their prioperty. Class Action Civil correctiin may be taken up by the citizens of Thurston County! Do not allow messes in one place and enforce the same in another. (Essentially reverse environmental justice)!

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Commissioners Edwards, April 9, 2019

As a proud citizen & taxpayer in Thurston County, I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20, 21, 22, and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" & ask for your support.

Homelessness has reached crisis proportions & its face is changing: the fastest growing group of homeless people are children & single mothers. We need the waiver, we need the land, & we need ongoing support from Thurston County. The creation of mitigation sites is a first step. Thank you! Lisa Ornstein

Dear Commissioners

We need to protect all of our residents whether they are homeless or not.

Please support the Community Planning Titles 20, 21 + 23 amendments regarding - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations. We need the waiver, the land + financing!!

Thank, Karen Verrell

Ian Lefcourte

From: Madeline Bishop <mbishop.bishop@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Gary Edwards; Tye Menser; John Hutchings; Ramiro Chavez
Subject: Comments on Emergency Housing Interim Regulations

Comment Unique ID: 19

I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask for the BOCC support it.

Additionally, I ask that the County support the homeless by adding land and financial support to aid this regional problem.

Sincerely,

Madeline Bishop 9529 62nd Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98513

Ian Lefcourte

From: Mary Watt <maryphoenix@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Tye Menser; John Hutchings; Gary Edwards
Subject: Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments

Comment Unique ID: 20

Dear Commissioner,

Yesterday I was in Sylvester Park with 4 homeless individuals I know, two I know well. They were 3 women, age 26, and around 60 for the other two. Also a homeless man around 60. The 26 year old has a "permanent" shelter bed. The others do not. They go to Interfaith Shelter every day at 5 pm to see if they are lucky enough to get a bed for one night. Often they do not get a bed.

These people are members of our community and they deserve housing. It is criminal to not provide temporary and long term housing. I am 66 and living on social security and a little bit more. I am very saddened to see people with no home. It's wrong. We need to help the most vulnerable and the most in need.

I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort.

We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.

Sincerely,

Mary Watt

5701 30th Ave SE, Apt K8

Lacey, WA 98503

360-801-2148

Have a beautiful day.

Mary

maryphoenix@gmail.com

Ian Lefcourte

From: JustHousing Contact <contact@justhousingolympia.org>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:47 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Please approve amendments to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance!

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

Comment Unique ID: 21

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to consider the proposed changes to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance. Just Housing- a local homeless advocacy group- believes the proposed changes are essential for the County to be a more active participant in responding to our regional homeless crisis. **We hope you will move forward with approving the current amendments to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance.**

While we see many positive changes in the currently proposed amendments, we also recognize that there are some amendments that The City of Olympia made to their respective ordinances that are not reflected in the County's amendments- primarily related to the language around ID/background check/reporting requirements. **We want to encourage you, as you move forward, to seriously consider reducing the barriers around ID, background check, and reporting requirements in the same way that Olympia has- by using language that allows for, but does not mandate, these requirements.** Below, we have listed reasons for why we believe this change is important.

While we hope you will consider these additional changes in the near future, we support moving forward with amendments to the ordinance, as currently proposed as soon as possible.

Reasons why we support reducing barriers around ID, background check, and reporting requirements:

- **Most shelters, including The Mitigation Site, have lower-barrier background check/reporting requirements.** These lower-barrier requirements have been successful enough to not require further amendments and have not been shown to jeopardize the public safety of neighbors and the surrounding community.
- **Many 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).
- **Reducing unnecessary barriers opens doors for a greater variety of creative and effective solutions** to our housing and homelessness crisis. Lowering barriers does not mean that all sanctioned encampments will be low-barrier, rather it **allows for a range of low to high barrier facilities.**
- **Lowering barriers to shelter is an evidence-based, effective 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. **Evidence-based best practices have shown that people are better able to address substance use, mental health, and medical health challenges when they have a stable place find shelter.**
- **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.

- **Host/sponsor agencies should be able 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 they will accept people with active warrants.)
- **Not adopting lower-barrier screening requirements may 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.
- **Banning people with warrants/requiring providers of services to report people with warrants does not improve community safety.** For one, most warrants those who are unsheltered have are for non-violent and minor crimes. Further, if this is the requirement, people with warrants will simply continue to not access services, which inhibits our ability as a community to effectively respond to this crisis.
- **Making it so that all sex offenders cannot access any sanctioned shelter makes our community more unsafe.** It is statistically proven that the more unstable people's 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.**

Thank you for taking all of this into consideration.

Respectfully,

Just Housing

Comment Unique ID: 21

Ian Lefcourte

From: Jeremy Davis
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Need to Add, Housing

From: Thomasina Cooper **On Behalf Of** Tye Menser
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Jeremy Davis <jeremy.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: FW: Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations

Hi there- Here is more comment on emergency housing ordinance.

Thanks!
Thomasina

From: Sharon Herting <seherting@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Tye Menser <tye.menser@co.thurston.wa.us>; John Hutchings <john.hutchings@co.thurston.wa.us>; Gary Edwards <gary.edwards@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations

Comment Unique ID: 23

I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort.

We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.

Sincerely,

Sharon Herting

3200 Capital Mall Dr, SW, H201

Olympia, WA 98592

Ian Lefcourte

From: John Hutchings
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 7:06 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Cc: Thomasina Cooper; Vickie Larkin
Subject: FW: Request for support

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Added

Hi Ian,

Please add this to the EHO public comment file.

Thank you!
Kelli

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

From: Susan <doublestack@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 6:09 PM
Subject: Request for support

Comment Unique ID: 24

Dear sirs,

As a voter and supporter of our county's work to help those in need, and a former volunteer in homeless outreach, I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations" and ask that the BOCC vote in support of this waiver and provide land and ongoing financial support for this effort.

We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.

Sincerely,
Susan Stack
Constituent in
Commissioner district 1

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

Ian Lefcourte

From: John Hutchings
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:38 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Cc: Thomasina Cooper; Vickie Larkin
Subject: FW: I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments"

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Added

Hi Ian,

Please add this to the EHO public comment file.

Comment Unique ID: 25

Thank you!

Kelli

From: Tom Dyer <tdyer@washington.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:36 AM
To: Tye Menser <tye.menser@co.thurston.wa.us>; John Hutchings <john.hutchings@co.thurston.wa.us>; Gary Edwards <gary.edwards@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: I fully support the "Community Planning Titles 20,21,22 and 23 amendments"

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Sincerely,

Tom Dyer
tdyer@washington.edu
2502 Division St NW
Olympia, WA
206-724-5630

Ian Lefcourte

From: Tyler Gundel <tyegundel1994@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 5:39 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Please approve amendments to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance!

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Added, Housing

Comment Unique ID: 26

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Tye Gundel and I am a resident of Olympia. I have worked with many homeless social service agencies over the years and currently organize with Just Housing, a group that works directly with those living in homeless encampments.

Thank you for all the work you have done recently to help our community better respond to this crisis and for considering the currently proposed amendments to the County's Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance. **I hope that you will move forward with the currently proposed amendments as soon as possible.** Our community really needs the County's support to adequately address this crisis and approving these amendments will increase the County's ability to be a key player in the response.

I also wholeheartedly believe that **these changes will open doors for solutions that will improve the well-being, public health, and safety of everyone in Thurston County.**

In the future, I also hope that you will consider further amending the ordinance to reduce barriers around IDs, background checks, and reporting requirements.

I understand that concern about public safety is the main reason why the current requirements are in place. I absolutely agree that safety is of utmost importance, which is why I support reducing these barriers. If we don't have designated appropriate places where people with warrants, sex offenses, and criminal histories are allowed to find shelter, people will continue to find shelter in inappropriate places. For instance, someone with a sex offense or warrant will likely not access a shelter option that has high-barrier ID, reporting, and background check requirements, but that doesn't mean they will disappear from our community....they will still be finding shelter somewhere.

More importantly, my concern with these requirements and the reasons given in support of them is that they perpetuate the harmful and inaccurate belief that people who are homeless are more dangerous than those who are not-- particularly those finding shelter in encampments.

As a young female, I have spent a significant amount of time over the past few years doing street outreach and direct support at unsanctioned encampments. There are unsafe things that take place at encampments- just as there are in any other neighborhood. At the same time, I have never been made to feel threatened or unsafe by any person I have yet met at an encampment. Generally, my experience is that if I treat people with respect and dignity, I get that treatment in return.

The people currently finding shelter in encampments are valuable members of our community who are really struggling as a result systemic housing, social, and economic failures. I can say with confidence that I have yet to meet a person who is homeless solely due to their own personal "failures" and "lifestyle choices." I think that for us to adequately respond to this crisis, we need to stop responding with actions that treat people who are homeless as if they are to blame. Every person's story is different, but the underlying systemic issues are what connects them all.

Lastly, I am copying and pasting a quote from Reverend Sarah Monroe from Chaplains on the Harbor in Aberdeen, which I think really eloquently addresses the complex issue of enabling, drug addiction, and homelessness. **The main point of it is that enabling someone to stay alive is different from enabling addiction/harmful lifestyle choices.**

"Perhaps the most controversial issue in this community is how we should deal with our prevalence of addiction. Grays Harbor County has one of the highest opioid overdose death rates in Washington State and the highest methamphetamine consumption in the country. This, of course, is not particularly a homeless issue— it is the intergenerational reality of a former timber community and affects housed and unhoused people alike.... Somehow, the city council and other community members seem to believe that asserting every person's right to life is enabling addiction. I would encourage those who ascribe to this mindset to do some serious investigation into the abundance of scientific research on healing from addiction and trauma. **Isolating people and leaving them to die of exposure is a cruel response to addiction, one that is not supported by the Constitution, or the Bible, or science.** While families often do need to make difficult decisions and set boundaries when confronted with a loved one's addiction, research shows overwhelmingly that people can only heal when they have the care and support necessary to do so in their communities. Addiction is borne of hopelessness and despair— pain and survival. For a community so preoccupied with the surface-level symptoms of addiction, I would point out that we currently have no detox facilities, very limited treatment options, and wait lists a mile long. I could tell you literally hundreds of stories of men and women coming to me, desperate for help and healing, who were met with red tape and waiting lists. I could show you names on my arm of people who died while waiting for the treatment they so critically needed. "

Thank you for all of you work on this.

Sincerely,

Tye

Comment Unique ID: 26



Ms. Vera Kelly
2220 Kempton St. S.E.
Olympia, WA 98501-7471



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Com. John Hutchings
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Olympia, WA
98502

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April 23, 2019

Dear Commissioner Hutchings,

Because my children are barely making it financially and could very well end up homeless, I truly support the "Community Planning Titles 20, 21, & 23 ~~and~~ amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations".

We need the waiver, we need the land and we need ongoing financial support from Thurston County.

PROUD MEMBER
Ligue of Women Voters

many thanks for your service
our community
Vera Sporne Kelly

Comment Unique ID: 13

Please join me in supporting
the Emergency Housing Interim
Regulations!!

Thanks,
Karin Verreil

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

Comment Unique ID: 27

RE: Emergency Housing Interim Regs. April 23, 2019
Dear Commissioner Messer,
I feel strongly that our community needs to support
Community Planning Titles 20, 21, 22, and 23 amendments
for Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations,
I ask for the BOCC support.

Sincerely,
Van Sporn-Hues

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

April 23, 2019

Dear Commissioner Hatchings,
Because my children are barely making it
financially and could very well end up homeless,
I truly support the "Community Planning Titles
20, 21, & 23 ~~and~~ amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance
Interim Regulations".

We need the waiver, we need the land and
we need ongoing financial support from
Thurston County.

many thanks for your service
our community
Van Sporn-Hues

Comment Unique ID: 27

Ian Lefcourte

From: Wendy Holden <kwh1@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 9:46 PM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: homeless ordinance

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

Comment Unique ID: 28

Ian, is there any particular property in mind for an emergency homeless camp? Thanks.

Wendy Holden

Ian Lefcourte

From: John Hutchings
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:37 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: FW: homelessness

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

Comment Unique ID: 29

Hi Ian,

Please add to the EHO public comment file.

Thanks!
Kelli

From: Thurston County | Send Email <spout@co.thurston.wa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 7:17 AM
To: John Hutchings <john.hutchings@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: homelessness

This email was created by the County Internet web server from the email masking system. Someone from the Public has requested to contact you with the following information:

To: John Hutchings

Subject: homelessness

From: Polly Taylor

Email (if provided): pollyktaylor@comcast.net

Message:

I support waiving code requirements which would allow the County to more effectively respond to the homelessness crisis AND to encourage the BoCC to add funding and make land available for this purpose.

Revised 1/22/2017

Ian Lefcourte

From: Suzan LeFurgey <suzanlefurgeyworks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: Support of Amendments Clearing a Path for Working with the Homeless

Categories: PblcCmmnt - Need to Add, Housing

Comment Unique ID: 30

Dear Thurston County Commissioners:

Thank you, thank you, thank you for considering these actions and for being an active participant in responding to this regional crisis.

Please move forward with amendments to the Emergency Housing Ordinance and, in the near future, support further reducing barriers, including the requirements around ID & Background Checks, to fully mirror amendments made by The City of Olympia.

Reducing unnecessary barriers opens doors for a greater variety of creative and effective solutions to our housing and homelessness crisis. Lowering barriers 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. In this way, it allows for a range of low to high barrier facilities.

Lowering barriers to shelter is an evidence-based, effective 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. Evidence-based best practices have shown that people are better able to address substance use, mental health, and medical health challenges when they have a stable place find shelter.

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.

Moving forward with the current proposed amendments & reducing further barriers enables our government entities to respond to this crisis like the emergency it truly is.

Sincerely,

Suzie LeFurgey
Yelm City Council Homelessness Task Force

Ian Lefcourte

From: Vickie Larkin on behalf of Gary Edwards
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Ian Lefcourte
Subject: FW: Homeless/Accountability

Categories: Housing, PblcCmmnt - Need to Add

Comment Unique ID: 31

For public comment file.

From: Thurston County | Send Email <spout@co.thurston.wa.us>
Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:23 AM
To: Gary Edwards <gary.edwards@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Homeless/Accountability

This email was created by the County Internet web server from the email masking system. Someone from the Public has requested to contact you with the following information:

To: **Gary Edwards**

Subject: **Homeless/Accountability**

From: **David Thysell**

Email (if provided): daveth@thurston.com

Message:

Dear Commissioner Edwards,

Thank you for expressing what I think is a widely held belief about the houseless community—the need for accountability for those living at mitigation sites (and elsewhere), and the very real possibility that there is may be more than a little enabling going on. I would suggest that in fact, we’ve created an alternative life style for some folks in our Olympia area and surrounds. I also fully understand that there are plenty of folks out there with very real drug and alcohol problems, mental illness, disabilities, or inability to afford housing. I am certainly not without compassion for such folks and do hope for better lives for all of them.

I have written extensively and respectfully to Olympia leadership, the governor’s office, DOE, WSDOT, and Thurston County Health Dept. over the past years, with little to no meaningful or productive response. I have repeatedly expressed my concern about the continually worsening public health, safety and environmental situation along Wheeler Ave. as well as my concern over the health and safety for the residents on WSDOT rights-of-way. Currently, there is a huge and expanding encampment across Wheeler from Central SE on WSDOT ROW that is bounded on the east and west by Indian Creek. I would expand your concern over accountability to include all of the relevant jurisdictions and agencies (along Wheeler and I-5), who, I believe, have been utterly remiss in basic enforcement of regulations regarding

public health and safety, neighborhood protection, environmental and water quality degradation, parking of unlicensed or expired-license vehicles, etc., etc. I do understand that all jurisdictions investigating how to respond to Martin v. City of Boise, but the egregious flaunting of health, safety, environmental concerns, the almost total lack of enforcement of such rules, and the utter lack of communication by agencies to those of us who are severely impacted by the camps, makes things seem extremely dystopian.

In addition, located as I am very near to a non-sanctioned encampment on Olympia city-owned property (the "Nickerson" property), I have repeatedly expressed my concerns over the placement of this camp without regard to, or with no communication with, neighbors; proximity to critical areas; and access onto Wheeler (a local racetrack if ever there was one where there have been many, many near-accidents between camp residents and automobiles). In all of these communications as well, I have received no meaningful responses or answers to my questions. I might add that I have made an effort to be respectful of the campers and have asked that they be respectful of my privacy and my property as well. To date, that has managed to serve me reasonably well, and I have received more information about the local camps from the residents than I have from any of my community leaders.

Your point about the ticketing of expired license drivers while little is done to those parked incessantly along the shoulder of Wheeler (a designated bike path!) and other such localities was right on the spot. I have repeatedly brought this situation to the attention of my city officials, but the situation along Wheeler continues to deteriorate. I have suggested to the governor's office and to Olympia leadership that I believe they are mutually complicit in what is inevitably going to be the diminution in property values for the surrounding neighborhood, and for our being concerned about our personal safety were we to publicly raise these issues via a letter to the editor (which I recently decided not to do because of such concerns). I also communicated to Olympia leadership and to the governor that their lack of ability to deal with the Wheeler corridor amounts to the creation of a zone of sacrifice to the campers to the extreme detriment of those of use who own property in the immediately surrounding area.

Again I thank you for your leadership and for speaking out about this issue, and I urgently request that you and the other commissioners work closely and diligently with the governor, WSDOT and the three cities to address this very important issue that is dramatically reducing the quality of life for many neighborhoods in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and other areas of Thurston County. I would also ask that you and/or an assistant take a close look at the Wheeler Ave. corridor and the explosion of camps that is taking place there. I would be happy to speak with you in person as well at any time and will be happy to be of service in any way I can.

Respectfully,

David Thysell
1619 Central SE
Olympia, WA

Comment Unique ID: 31

Revised 1/22/2017

Public comment submittal re: **Proposed Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations**

While the current ordinance outlines vast and important issues related to the very serious homelessness situation regionally, the outcome of passing said emergency housing ordinance will be long-term and difficult to repeal once passed. Thurston County currently has zoning ordinance 20.35 which addresses homeless encampments, through a permit review process. This permit process has never been utilized, nor challenged specifically for any potential inadequacies. The existing code that addresses homeless encampments provides sound review that is intended to protect public health and safety, both for the residents near a proposed homeless encampment, as well as those who may reside there. To create an emergency ordinance that basically overrides almost every aspect of this code, without any precedent that would indicate it is a faulty process, is absurd.

Secondly, the language within the proposed emergency housing ordinance (20.35.130- Emergency Waiver) does not give any kind of expiration date to an "emergency" situation. The ability to continue under an undefined state of emergency is a very real possibility, as there are opportunities to continue extending this state under continued review every 6 months.

Comment Unique ID: 32

Jeremy Zwick
2717 Westwind DR NE
Olympia, WA 98502

INTERIM EHO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Summer 2020

June 9, 2020 Public Hearing: Renewal of Interim EHO # 15792

Public Comments



Unique ID	Date	Entered by	Commenter Name	Contact Email	Planning Area	Source	Type of Comment	Summary
1	13-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Madeline Bishop	mbishop.bishop@gmail.com	9529 62nd Ave SE Olympia, WA 98513	Email	Support	I support renewing this ordinance which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. We need to support our unhoused population more than ever. We need to offer encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities now more than ever in unincorporated Thurston as well as the cities.
2	13-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Lisa Ornstein	olympia.indivisible@gmail.com	3010 28th Ave. SE Olympia, WA 98501	Email	Support	I want to add my voice in support of renewal for this ordinance which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. Making available encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities for those in incorporated and unincorporated regions of our County who are without housing is both a moral imperative. It is also a public health and safety imperative, given our present battle with COVID-19, against which adequate sanitation is a key line of defense.
3	13-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Pam Pride	pam@pampride.com	1519 Farwell Court NW Olympia, WA 98502	Email	Support	I would like to state my strong support for the renewal of Ordinance No. 15792--Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance.
4	14-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Kris & John Flory	tubaphone09@comcast.net	6215 95th Ave SW Olympia, WA 98512	Email	Support	We support renewing this ordinance which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. We live in unincorporated Thurston County & want our county to support our unhoused population more than ever. We need to offer encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities now more than ever in unincorporated Thurston as well as the cities. Do not divide Thurston county from our cities. We stand better united in our community.
5	16-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Esther Kronenberg	wekrone@gmail.com	not specified	Email	Support	I write in support of this Ordinance which extends waivers to homeless encampments in the County. I expect homelessness will increase in the near future because of the economic hardships of the pandemic, and so it makes much more sense to establish safe places for our unhoused neighbors to live that have access to sanitary facilities to protect the public health and the environment. Even better would be renting empty hotel rooms or an empty storefront to house people, but I realize the County has no funds for that unless it receives support from the federal government. Our unhoused neighbors don't all live within the city limits, so it is important that the County join forces with the cities to meet the needs of the community.
6	16-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Shari L. Silverman	Silverman.shari@gmail.com	2775 Tuscany Lane SW Tumwater, WA 98512	Email	Support	As a resident of Thurston County I feel that now more than ever the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance needs to be renewed allowing waivers for homeless encampments in unincorporated Thurston County. All homeless encampments and parking areas need to have sanitation facilities to preserve public health for all Thurston County residents. Today, with Covid-19, this is simply common sense. Interim Emergency Housing is not a new ordinance, it has already been implemented and the people of Thurston County deserve the assurance that all public health needs will continue to be met in all areas of the County.
7	17-May-20	Kelsey Crane	Sharron Coontz	sharron.coontz@gmail.com	not specified	Email	Support	I'm writing in support of Initiative 15792, the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance. The homelessness crisis in our county is heart-wrenching. We cannot, it seems to me, call ourselves decent human beings if we turn our backs on the unfortunate people who find themselves without decent shelter. They need shelter and sanitary facilities. There must also be more patrols to ensure safety for everyone and to help avoid environmental degradation. As a side note, I'm surprised that our County hasn't found a way to join with the cities to provide some decent public housing at some of the many empty buildings around the area. It should be such a high priority.
8	4-Jun-20	Kelsey Crane	Lisa Ceazan	lisa.lisaceazan@outlook.com	303 41st Ave NE Olympia, WA 98506	Email	Support	I support renewing this ordinance, which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. We need to support our unhoused population more than ever. We need to offer encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities now more than ever in unincorporated Thurston as well as the cities.
9	9-Jun-20	Kelsey Crane	M Mandell	mmandell@uw.edu	not specified	Email	Support	Why isn't there a designated area away from incorporated Olympia for these type encampments? Allowing large amounts of homeless encampments in the downtown or neighborhood or Lake areas not only violates rights of residents in the community who pay taxes but creates a complacent environment that invites more of the same. Please find areas of the county where other residents and businesses will not be impacted. Please set an example! - Olympia is the WA State Capitol. We can do better. There are already encampments away from the City - This could work.
10	9-Jun-20	Kelsey Crane	Shari L. Silverman	Silverman.shari@gmail.com	2775 Tuscany Lane SW Tumwater, WA 98512	Email	Support	Currently Ord. 15792 states that a waiver may be extended if the Board finds "a public health emergency continues to exist." Thurston County only just entered Phase 2 under the WA statewide Covid-19 pandemic. Per WA State and Dr. Yu we are still seeing increasing numbers of positive test results for the coronavirus in the County and have had an additional death reported this month. It is clear that a public health emergency continues to exist in Thurston County. The need for the extension of the Emergency Housing Ordinance is even greater than it was in June 2019 when the BoCC last voted to approve. Please extend Emergency Housing Ordinance 15792 for two (2) years through June 2022. Per the CDC, U.S. epidemiologists specializing in coronaviruses and the WHO, Covid-19 will continue into 2022. We need to protect everyone's public health for the duration of this pandemic. The Emergency Housing Ordinance is one of the crucial ways Thurston County can protect all of its citizens from harm.
11	9-Jun-20	Kelsey Crane	Charlotte Persons	cpeople2u@gmail.com	903 Glass Ave. NE Olympia, WA 98506	Email	Support	As a resident of Olympia who lives only 5 blocks from downtown, I am writing in support of extending the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance. This measure is necessary in our current situation. We don't have enough temporary or permanent affordable housing in our county, especially housing with supportive services for recently homeless individuals. Particularly in the Covid-19 pandemic, homeless encampments need excellent access to health providers and sanitary facilities, and this ordinance allows for increasing those efforts. In the long run, we need our county to fund and create more affordable housing, but this ordinance is a good stopgap measure.
12	9-Jun-20	Kelsey Crane	Rosalie Davies	cnr Davies@comcast.net	10926 7th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98513	Email	Support	Upon reading, the Thurston County plan for meeting the needs of the homeless seems inclusive and thorough. It seems with the current pandemic the crisis plan needs to continue. Thank you to the planning commission for their attention to the homeless situation.

From: Madeline Bishop <mfbishop.bishop@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Jennifer Davis <jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Testimony Ordinance No. 15792

To Jennifer Davis at Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED),

My testimony for the public hearing for the Renewal of Ordinance No. 15792 - Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance .

I support renewing this ordinance which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. We need to support our unhoused population more than ever. We need to offer encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities now more than ever in unincorporated Thurston as well as the cities.

Sincerely,

Madeline Bishop
9529 62nd Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98513

From: Olympia Indivisible <olympia.indivisible@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Jennifer Davis <jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Testimony Ordinance No. 15792

To Jennifer Davis at Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED),

My testimony for the public hearing for the Renewal of Ordinance No. 15792 - Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance .

I want to add my voice in support of renewal for this ordinance which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. Making available encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities for those in incorporated and unincorporated regions of our County who are without housing is both a moral imperative. It is also a public health and safety imperative, given our present battle with COVID-19, against which adequate sanitation is a key line of defense.

Sincerely,
Lisa Ornstein
3010 28th Ave. SE
Olympia, WA 98501

From: "Pam Pride" <pam@pampride.com>

Date: May 13, 2020 at 4:12:50 PM PDT

To: <jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>

Subject: Renewal of Ordinance No. 15792

I would like to state my strong support for the renewal of Ordinance No. 15792--Interim
Emergency Housing Ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pam Pride
1519 Farwell Court NW
Olympia, WA 98502

From: Kris & John Flory <tubaphone09@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:54 AM
To: Jennifer Davis <jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: In support of Renewal Ordinance # 15792

To Jennifer Davis at Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED),
RE: Renewal of Ordinance No. 15792 - Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance .

We support renewing this ordinance which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. We live in unincorporated Thurston County & want our county to support our unhoused population more than ever. We need to offer encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities now more than ever in unincorporated Thurston as well as the cities.

Do not divide Thurston county from our cities. We stand better united in our community.

Sincerely,
Kris & John Flory
6215 95th Ave SW
Olympia, WA 98512

From: Esther Grace Kronenberg <wekrone@gmail.com>
Date: May 16, 2020 at 6:17:49 PM PDT
To: jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us
Subject: Ordinance 15792

Hello,
I write in support of this Ordinance which extends waivers to homeless encampments in the County.

I expect homelessness will increase in the near future because of the economic hardships of the pandemic, and so it makes much more sense to establish safe places for our unhoused neighbors to live that have access to sanitary facilities to protect the public health and the environment.

Even better would be renting empty hotel rooms or an empty storefront to house people, but I realize the County has no funds for that unless it receives support from the federal government.

Our unhoused neighbors don't all live within the city limits, so it is important that the County join forces with the cities to meet the needs of the community.

Thank you.
Esther Kronenberg

Sent from cyberheaven

From: Shari Silverman <silverman.shari@gmail.com>

Date: May 16, 2020 at 9:24:02 AM PDT

To: jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us

Subject: Renewal Ordinance 15792, Interim Emergency Housing

To: Jennifer Davis, Community Planning and Economic Development

For: Public Testimony June 6, 2020 on Renewal of Ordinance 15792 Interim Emergency Housing

As a resident of Thurston County I feel that now more than ever the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance needs to be renewed allowing waivers for homeless encampments in unincorporated Thurston County.

All homeless encampments and parking areas need to have sanitation facilities to preserve public health for all Thurston County residents. Today, with Covid-19, this is simply common sense.

Interim Emergency Housing is not a new ordinance, it has already been implemented and the people of Thurston County deserve the assurance that all public health needs will continue to be met in all areas of the County.

Thank you,

Shari L. Silverman

2775 Tuscany Lane SW

Tumwater, WA 98512

From: Sharron Coontz <sharron.coontz@gmail.com>
Date: May 17, 2020 at 11:45:31 PM PDT
To: Jennifer Davis <jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>, Tye Menser <Tye.Menser@co.thurston.wa.us>, John.Hutchings@co.thurston.wa.us, Gary.Edwards@co.thurston.wa.us
Reply-To: sharroncoontz@gmail.com

Hi, Jennifer. The following is my comment regarding the County's Homeless Initiative 15792, Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance.

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing in support of Initiative 15792, the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance. The homelessness crisis in our county is heart-wrenching. We cannot, it seems to me, call ourselves decent human beings if we turn our backs on the unfortunate people who find themselves without decent shelter. They need shelter and sanitary facilities. There must also be more patrols to ensure safety for everyone and to help avoid environmental degradation.

As a side note, I'm surprised that our County hasn't found a way to join with the cities to provide some decent public housing at some of the many empty buildings around the area. It should be such a high priority.

Thank you.
Sharron Coontz
3716 85th NW
Olympia, WA 98502

From: Lisa Ceazan <lisa.lisaceazan@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Jennifer Davis <jennifer.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Testimony on Renewal of Housing Ordinance #15792

TO: Commissioner John Hutchings
Commissioner Gary Edwards
Commissioner Tye Menser

Below is my testimony for the public hearing for the Renewal of Ordinance No. 15792 -
Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance.

I support renewing this ordinance, which offers waivers to homeless encampments in Thurston County. We need to support our unhoused population more than ever. We need to offer encampments and parking areas with sanitation facilities now more than ever in unincorporated Thurston as well as the cities.

Sincerely,
Lisa Ceazan
303 41st Ave NE
Olympia, WA 98506

Requester Name: **M Mandell**
Requester Email Address: mmandell@uw.edu

Requester Subject: **Emergency Ordinance impacting homeless encampments**

Why isn't there a designated area away from incorporated Olympia for these type encampments? Allowing large amounts of homeless encampments in the downtown or neighborhood or Lake areas not only violates rights of residents in the community who pay taxes but creates a complacent environment that invites more of the same. Please find areas of the county where other residents and businesses will not be impacted. Please set an example! - Olympia is the WA State Capitol. We can do better. There are already are encampments away from the City - This could work.

From: Shari Silverman <silverman.shari@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Kelsey Crane <kelsey.crane@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Comment/Emerg Housing Ord 15792

Comment for the Emergency Housing Ordinance 15792 BoCC hearing June 9, 2020:

Currently Ord. 15792 states that a waiver may be extended if the Board finds “a public health emergency continues to exist.”

Thurston County only just entered Phase 2 under the WA statewide Covid-19 pandemic. Per WA State and Dr. Yu we are still seeing increasing numbers of positive tests results for the coronavirus in the County and have had an additional death reported this month.

It is clear that a public health emergency continues to exist in Thurston County. The need for the extension of the Emergency Housing Ordinance is even greater than it was in June 2019 when the BoCC last voted to approve.

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Shari L. Silverman

From: C. Persons <cpeople2u@gmail.com>
Comment on Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance:

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of Olympia who lives only 5 blocks from downtown, I am writing in support of extending the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance. This measure is necessary in our current situation. We don't have enough temporary or permanent affordable housing in our county, especially housing with supportive services for recently homeless individuals. Particularly in the Covid-19 pandemic, homeless encampments need excellent access to health providers and sanitary facilities, and this ordinance allows for increasing those efforts. In the long run, we need our county to fund and create more affordable housing, but this ordinance is a good stopgap measure.

Charlotte Persons
903 Glass Ave. NE
Olympia, WA 98506

From: CHARLES & ROSALIE DAVIES

cnrdavies@comcast.net

Comment on Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance:

Upon reading, the Thurston County plan for meeting the needs of the homeless seems inclusive and thorough, It seems with the current pandemic the crisis plan needs to continue. Thank you to the commissioners for continued attention to the homeless situation.

Rosalie Davies

Thurston County resident
10926 7th Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98513

INTERIM EHO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Winter 2020
(none received)

INTERIM EHO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Summer 2021

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INTERIM EHO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Winter 2021

ID	DATE	ENTERED BY	COMMENTS NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT TYPE OF COMMENT	SUMMARY	COUNTY RESPONSE
EHO-1	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	M. and D. Coyner	coyner5900@comcast.net	Against	The EHO enables homeless encampments.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-2	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Melinda Mandell	mmandell@uw.edu	Against	Homeless encampments cause increase in crime. Provide better living situation.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-3	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Joe Rogoski	jrogoski@comcast.net	Against	End homeless encampments. Enforce all code restrictions.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-4	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Anonymous		Against	Do not waive standards.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-5	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Kenneth Zych	kzych@comcast.net	Against	Opposed to waivers.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-6	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Dan Capps	dancappsofficial@gmail.com	For	Use the 6-month EHO to buy time for a better solution.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-7	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Nancy Snyder	snyderoly@aol.com	For	Use the 6-month EHO to buy time for a better solution.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-8	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Ann McGah	wmcgah@icloud.com	Against	Find a better solution for the people without homes.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-9	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Portia	portiababy4@gmail.com	Against	Lock up people without homes.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-10	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Paul Wilkinson	wilkinson2001@comcast.net	Against	Let the interim ordinance expire; move in a different direction.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-11	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Linnea Comstock	lcptmpa@msn.com	Against	Do not renew interim EHO to reduce crime and other negative impacts.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-12	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Marlowes	marlocjm9@gmail.com	Against	Relaxation of codes has made the problem worse.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-13	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Ken Valz	kenvalz@comcast.net	Against	No scattered homeless camps. Create one large, safe place for people without homes.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-14	30-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Karen Verrill	gokar1@comcast.net	For	Provide as much help to people without homes as winter approaches.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-15	30-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Kathy McCormick	kathy.mccormick@comcast.net	For	Waivers are one piece of a temporary solution.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-16	30-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Tracey Carlos	tracey.e.carlos@gmail.com	For	Want's to find more mitigation sites.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-17	30-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Paige Martell	energyher5@gmail.com	For	Keep the interim ordinance in place until better solutions are found.	Thank you for your comment.
RV Camp - 1	4-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Elizabeth Klingler	hickscorps@gmail.com		Concerns about the location of the proposed RV safe parking on Carpenter Road.	Thank you for your comment.
RV Camp - 2	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Deborah Watson	starblue1@comcast.net		No tax dollars for people without homes.	
RV Camp-3	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Fitzgerald Krupke	maureen.fitzgerald@comcast.net		Supports a temporary RV park on Carpenter Road.	Thank you for our comment.
EHO-1	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	M. and D. Coyner	coyner5900@comcast.net	Against	The EHO enables homeless encampments.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-2	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Melinda Mandell	mmandell@uw.edu	Against	Homeless encampments cause increase in crime. Provide better living situation.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-3	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Joe Rogoski	jrogoski@comcast.net	Against	End homeless encampments. Enforce all code restrictions.	Thank you for your comment.
EHO-4	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Anonymous		Against	Do not waive standards.	Thank you for your comment.
General-1	13-Oct-21	Leah Davis	Phillip Sherman	johnbigboote42@comcast.net		Suggest locating any homeless encampment within 800 feet of the district commissioner's home.	Thank you for your comment.
General-2	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Tonna Klablinger	tkinkers@gmail.com		Wants all people without homes sent to Seattle. Get them out of our county.	Thank you for your comment.
General-3	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Evans, E.			Tax dollars should not be used to help homeless people.	Thank you for your comment.
General-4	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Phaedra Kelleher	nursephae@gmail.com		Safety concerns about the Ensign Road RVs.	Thank you for your comment.
General-5	29-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Sara Glass	sglassaway@gmail.com		Generally concerned about public health and safety for all encampments.	Thank you for your comment.
General-6	30-Nov-21	Leah Davis	Alf Howald	alf.howald@gmail.com		Ensign Road encampment is dangerous.	Thank you for your comment.

From: coyner5900@comcast.net
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 1:28:11 PM

Ms. Davis,

Please submit the following comments to the commission for their consideration during the public hearing scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Having spent many vacations in Washington, when we retired, we chose to move here from Farmington, New Mexico. We purchased a home in Lacey, looking forward to enjoying our new life here. However, we soon discovered the major homeless issue. There are homeless in Farmington, but no encampments. I couldn't figure out why there was such a problem here, this being a more "advanced" area. Then I read "Thurston to hold public hearing on emergency housing ordinance" in this morning's paper and I quickly learned why - the county's ordinance enables the homeless encampments.

This ordinance allows the Community Planning and Economic Development director ("director") to authorize waiving "...many land use code standards including requirements for size, maximum number of residents, parking standards, distance from a bus stop, right-of-way limitations and visual separation from other uses...keeping a log of residents, requiring verifiable identification, have a security tent, allowing visitors, maintaining a numbering system and requiring liability insurance." In addition, the director **may** waive requirements for "sanitary portable toilets, standards requiring structures to conform to building codes, fire safety requirements, requirements for a code of conduct and agreement, and requirements for the sponsor to self-police and self-manage."

The rest of the residents of Thurston County are required to comply with these standards, why not the homeless? These waivers create seriously dangerous, unsanitary conditions for residents and the costs incurred are passed on to county residents and businesses.

Then there's what the director **cannot** waive "...the prohibition of alcohol, illegal drugs, fighting, abuse, littering or disruption of neighbors." It's these prohibitions that are not enforced that cause the homeless problem for the majority of county residents and businesses.

The only thing we see this ordinance accomplishing is enabling the homeless. How can you resolve the homeless issue if you continue to enable them?

Melody Coyner
Douglas Coyner
3021 Fiddleback St. NE
Lacey, WA 98516
505-402-1168
505-402-4669

From: [Melinda J Mandell](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: (Typos corrected) - Comments - Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:51:20 PM

Thank you, Leah. A few typos were corrected in the comments below.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Leah Davis <leah.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: RE: Comments - Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance
Date: November 29, 2021 at 2:05:34 PM PST
To: Melinda J Mandell <mmandell@uw.edu>

Ms. Mandell:

Thank you for your thoughtful comments. I will forward them to the Board of County Commissioners.

Leah Davis

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

From: Melinda J Mandell <mmandell@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Leah Davis <leah.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Comments - Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance

Hello:

I wish to express strong concern for the safety and health of the community that is threatened as we allow the parking & sanitation violations to continue, as well as the illegal encampments. It is no secret that property crimes have soared in Thurston County in conjunction with the sanctions of the illegal encampments.

The County is asking property owners to foot the bill for attending to deplorable conditions lacking sanitation and safety measures for citizens who reside in the communities affected.

There have been increases in burglaries, assaults, auto thefts and vandalism, some related to drug trafficking that occurs in these areas. There are used needles in the street and along the grass in our parks, as well as the restrooms.

How can any community thrive with this growing activity? Planning and development are meaningless when the elephant in the room is not addressed. For the same or similar amount of money to clean up after the messes, a parcel of land could be acquired to direct this traffic. A community shelter could be built. It does not have to be luxurious or a hotel. It just has to be shelter with cots. Many of the residents of these encampments don't want help nor do they want the County to regulate them. They choose to live in our community but refuse to abide by the rules and laws the rest of us must adhere to or face fines. We are being bullied by the groups of people who force us to clean up after them and

permit them to break our laws. The filth and trash is a disgrace to all who visit the state capitol. Shame on Thurston County for allowing this to continue.

If my vote matters, I would not extend violations or waivers of rules that protect the rest of us. The quality of life in our community is rapidly declining. Every time I see an abandoned shopping cart with trash along the street or hear of another stabbing in an encampment or car vandalism, I question how this County can condone it.

I've lived in New York City, Boston and other cities and never seen anything this bad. That is because those communities would not indulge the illegal behavior.

/s/ Concerned Citizen

From: [JOE ROGOSKI](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: End Homeless Encampments! Enforce All Code Restrictions
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:45:55 PM

The county needs to eliminate the homeless encampments by enforcing laws that protect hard working citizens. We don't have a homeless problem, we have a drug problem. The cities and the county need to stop enabling this problem. My tax dollars should not go to trash removal and sanitation issues for illegal occupation of these encampments. Theft and vandalism are raging in this county and to continue to support their occupation of illegal, inner-city areas where drugs and crime emanate daily is in itself a crime against the people of Thurston County.

It would be a step in the right direction to cleaning up this embarrassing and dangerous situation we have allowed to grow.

Thank You

Joe Rogoski
Tumwater

From: WordPress.com
To: [Stacy Klein](#); [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Incoming Emergency Housing Comment
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:21:26 PM

What are you commenting on? Choose one: BOTH. My comment applies to both.

Your Name (optional):

Your email address (optional):

Your Comment: Hello, I am very concerned for the safety and quality of life for those directly impacted by the location of temporary and permanent encampments, regardless of the type (tent, tiny home, RV). I live close to Ensign Road and have witnessed the behavior and habits of those living there. I can say with certainty that no one wants that moved into their neighborhood or business community. Please do not waive the maximum number of residents, parking standards, and visual separations. Every camper I've encountered from Ensign Road is a drug addict. Because of this, please plan to keep a log of residents, require verifiable identification, do not allow outside visitors, and strictly enforce the code of conduct. Thank you, we are looking to you to keep us safe!

Time: November 29, 2021 at 11:21 pm

IP Address: 73.254.138.69

Contact Form URL: <https://thurstoncomments.org/comment-on-emergency-housing/>

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From: [Kenneth Zych](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Cc: [Kenneth Zych](#); [Kathleen Connolly](#); [Navneet Singha](#); [Bains](#); [Maeng Soon Roderick](#); [Merri Ellen McGranahan](#); [Fred Michelson](#); [Steve and Truyen O'Leary](#); [Ron Modes](#); [Karen Samaras](#); [Bill Samaras](#); [Liva H Mitchell](#); [Tom Mitchell](#); [Robert Williams](#); [Steve Collins](#); [Lee](#); [Kristine Cramer](#); [Kathy Sugiyama](#); [Mary Beth Colon](#); [Unknown](#); [Richard Rouse](#); [Kristine Cramer](#); [Karen Samaras](#); [Deb St. John](#); [Jeffrey Michelson](#)
Subject: Homeless
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:33:01 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2021-11-29 at 3.25.44 PM.png](#)

Associate Planner Leah Davis,

I live in Thurston County and I am strongly opposed to continue allowing homeless encampments by waiving some code requirements for the next six months.

Kenneth Zych
9116 52nd Lane NE
Olympia, WA 98516



Thurston commission to hold public hearing on interim emergency housing ordinance

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Thurston commission to hold public hearing on interim emergency housing ordinance

The county most recently considered using this ordinance to create a safe-parking site on Carpenter Road.

UPDATED NOVEMBER 29, 2021 11:02 AM

Thurston County residents may comment by Tuesday on a plan to continue allowing homeless encampments by waiving some code requirements for six more months. The county adopted an interim emergency housing ordinance in June 2019 and most recently renewed it as amended on May 25. In its current form, the ordinance will expire Dec. 9 unless the Board of County Commissioners renews it. The ordinance applies to rural areas as well as the urban growth areas of Lacey, Tumwater and Olympia — effectively all areas under county jurisdiction. The ordinance does not establish homeless encampments, but rather gives the Community Planning and Economic Development director, a position currently held by Joshua Cummings, the ability to waive certain code requirements for encampments as needed. Minor amendments have been proposed for the ordinance being considered for renewal. The changes clarify which fire regulations cannot be waived, and require the director to consult stakeholders before waiving

requirements, according to a county news release. Indigenous Affairs Weekly roundup of news affecting Native American communities in the Northwest. SIGN UP This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply.

From: [Dan Capps](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: 6 month plan
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:14:43 PM

Hi my name is Danny Capps and I live and work downtown in Olympia. I think allowing another 6 months to properly plan for housing options and other necessities before just “moving” the houseless population is the best option. It’s about to be winter and the rains and winds have been bad enough. On top of that we’re still in the middle of a pandemic. Moving our most vulnerable citizens and neighbors without the housing and shelter spots necessary to get everyone somewhere safe would be a tragedy and would show a great lack of human dignity from the city and this community. I hope we allow our encamped neighbors to stay and do more and fund more to get this community the help and housing it desperately needs. Thank you.

From: [Nancy Snyder on AOL](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance--public comment
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:15:26 PM

I support renewing the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance.

Unhoused people deserve the compassion of our government officials, who can respond to current needs to enable them to have a place to be.

I look forward to the time when we are not responding to emergency encampment situations, but have provided long term housing plans for all.

Thank you,
Nancy Snyder
5220 Puget Rd NE
Olympia WA 98516

From: [Ann McGah](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Te homeless encampment
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:45:30 PM

I just moved to the area and am concerned by the lack of public safety and health of other community residents and well as the in humane conditions of parking and camping on streets. In addition, many of the homeless are hazardous to traffic throughout the area when homeless people are not in contact with reality due to mental health issues.

I would hope the emergency waivers would be suspended before a fire or other tragedy occurs in the neighborhood. Other forms of housing or relocation to a less congested area should be considered.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Ann McGah
Former Democratic Committee Woman
Sent from my iPhone

From: [portia](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:00:46 PM

NO on extending ANY "homeless" camp BS!!!!!! GET THEM OUT!!!!!!!
these CRIMINALS AND DRUGGIES should be in jail!!!! They choose to be "homeless"
because they are CRIMINALS AND DRUGGIES!!!!!! THESE FREAKING CRIMINALS
ARE DESTROYING OUR CITY AND COUNTY!!!!!!!!!!
GET THEM OUT OF EVERY SPACE!!!!!!

THEY HAVE DESTROYED EVERY GREEN SPACE AND PARK!!!!!! THEIR GARBAGE
AND DRUG CRAP IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER!!!!!! THEY ARE A DANGER
TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY!!!!!!

NO MORE!;!!!! NO WAIVING ANYTHING!!!! NO MORE CRAP!!!! LOCK THEM
UP!!!!!!

From: [PAUL WILKINSON](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Please let the Interim emergency housing ordinance expire!
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:08:16 PM

Ms. Davis,

Please share with leadership making this decision. Enough is enough it is time to let this interim plan go. Please, please it is time to move in a different direction by keeping this interim plan you are just adding to the problem as these camps are just increasing. I could go on and on but I am sure you have heard it before so please let this interim plan indeed be "interim" and now expire.

Thank you

Paul Wilkinson

From: [linnea Comstock](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance renewal
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 8:02:59 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

I implore you to NOT renew the Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance. DO not allow what has been allowed by the Olympia City Council to happen to the areas under county jurisdiction. Our city has suffered increased crime, and negative impacts on City of Olympia citizens, customers, businesses and residences.

Kind Regards, Linnea Comstock
3905 Kingsbury Ln SE
Olympia WA 98501

From: [Chris Marlowe](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: opposition to the waiving of code standards for encampments
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:33:30 PM

Leah and all whom it may concern,

I am voicing my opposition to any further waiving of county land use codes for homeless encampments. I do this as a landowner and his wife. The experiment of waiving the codes has, in our opinion, been an abject failure which has further degraded public safety and health. We speak from experience while traveling on Deschutes parkway and Ensign Rd. Travel on these routes is less secure for personal safety than prior to the relaxation of the codes as is property security for vehicles parked in the vicinity of these routes. We therefore opposed continuation of the waiving' rather we request increased enforcement of the codes. The relaxation of coces has made bad situations worse.

Chris and Terezia Marlowe

From: [Ken Valz](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Homeless Encampments Code Waiver
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:01:54 PM

To: Thurston County Commission
Re: Homeless Encampment Code Waiver

I oppose establishing a further patchwork system of "County Code Waivers" for the homeless. Rather than having scattered areas, it is time to have one defined place for the Olympia homeless.

The County should use Homeless funds and purchase and establish a "Homeless Safe Area". Police, showers, bathrooms, parking areas for campers and medical facilities can be put in one place by using County funds now being diverted for other Homeless purposes. As far as I am concerned, the treatment of the homeless by the City of Olympia is shameful. The City having these people living on the streets, by the Hospital or by Capitol Lake without such facilities is embarrassing.

Since the City is where almost all our homeless and street people now reside, the "Homeless Safe Area" should be in the City and should be established as a place where the County can direct and take our homeless. In the end, this will be much more cost effective than scattered sites. There are now numerous empty and unused blocks in downtown Olympia and the purchase of one of them for our homeless would be a good start.

Thank you for representing our County residents.

Ken Valz
6833 Fairway Lane SE
Olympia, WA 98501

360-561-4539

From: [Karen Verrill](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: renewal of emergency housing ordinance
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:07:19 AM

Good morning Ms. Davis,

I strongly support the renewal of the emergency housing ordinance that was begun in 2019 and renewed last May.

Winter is upon us and our homeless people continue to need shelter and a place to park their RVs that are safe. The situation is complicated and difficult to resolve. But, without this ordinance in place the suffering these people will endure is beyond all reason.

Please relay my support of this ordinance to our County Commissioners for me as I am unable to attend the meeting this afternoon.

Thank you,

Karen Verrill

2401 Chambers Lake Lane

Lacey, WA 98503

From: [Kathy McCormick](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Approve Extension of Emergency Housing Ordinance Now
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:21:57 AM

I ask that the Board of Thurston County Commissioners take the essential action to allow waivers to code requirements for housing encampments. The county must be a partner in dealing with the Thurston Regions homeless issues. Waiving code requirements is an essential next step in continuing to partner with all jurisdictions to find even short term options for dealing with a major health and safety regional issue.

I served on the Executive Committee for the Home Fund for six years through its successful adoption. It took not only countless hours of volunteer dedication but also thousands of dollars to succeed in making Home Fund dollars available to even begin to be able to compete for additional funds that are finally resulting in building permanently supportive housing. Housing and homelessness issues have been building for over 40 years as a result of severe Federal defunding of housing, social welfare and mental health programs. Consequently this is not an issue that will disappear any time soon.

County government must be a partner in the solutions and MUST do everything possible to participate in solutions - including this current first step extension of emergency housing waivers. There is little hope of correcting 40 years of neglect by government at all levels without demonstrating that local government entities will do all they can to address interim as well as long term housing solutions. A future healthy and safe Thurston Region is the goal. Begin now with the emergency housing code waivers approval.

Sincerely
Kathy McCormick
2420 Columbia St SW
Olympia, WA 98501
360-791-7547

From: [Tracey Carlos](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Interim emergency housing ordinance
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:39:26 AM

I just want to say that I support the emergency housing ordinance. We need to find mitigation sites that will have services for those living in the RVs and this is a great step in that direction. Hopefully we will have a site set up sooner than later.

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Tracey Carlos

She/Her

Chair of Thurston County Queer Democrats

Secretary of the Board for Partners in Prevention Education (PiPE)

Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) Olympia 46

Political Action Chair for WFSE Local 443

Member of the Olympia Planning Commission

From: [p.m](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Cc: [Paige Martell](#)
Subject: Demanding the current measures be extended for another six-months
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:59:30 AM

Hello,

I am demanding that under the emergency housing ordinance the director keep the current measure in place for unhoused people in Olympia WA for another six months, and do not continue further sweeps of unhoused communities until the county comes up with a solution to the situation at hand.

Please find a housing for all solution for our unhoused neighbors. Keeping your heads stuck in the sand to an epidemic is not going to solve this festering problem.

Do the right thing.

Thank you.

Paige Martell

From: [Todd Monohon](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Homeless encampment hearing
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:58:45 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Leah – read an article yesterday in Olympian regarding a hearing on an interim ordinance to continue allowing homeless encampments. I tried to find it on the county website but could not. I did find the sign up and listing for the hearing tonight which I cannot attend but no link in the notice to the ordinance.

Please forward my input – I am opposed to continuing to waive requirements that would allow for camps in there present conditions..

Todd Monohon **RMP®**
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P.O. Box 8337 Lacey WA, 98509
115 State Ave NE Olympia, WA 98501



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From: [Phillip Sherman](#)
To: [Stacy Klein](#); [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Incoming Emergency Housing Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:12:17 PM

What are you commenting on? Choose one: BOTH. My comment applies to both.

Your Name (optional): Phillip Sherman

Your email address (optional): johnbigboote42@comcast.net

Your Comment: As part of any amendment, as to where any homeless mitigation site could be located, please add a clause requiring any such property be within 800 feet of that district commissioner's home. I'm sure they would appreciate the ease of contact with those households. This would facilitate a vital hands on oversight for any needs or wants those individuals would need and help minimize any further stress for those disadvantaged individuals.

Time: October 13, 2021 at 11:12 pm

IP Address: 73.181.159.13

Contact Form URL: <https://thurstoncomments.org/comment-on-emergency-housing/>

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From: [Tonna Kalblinger](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Thank You for all of your hard work
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 8:26:15 AM

I would like to take a second and say thank you. Thank You for making our county look so disgusting and gross. Thank You for making our county a place for the perfect horror movie. Thank You for asking us the citizens of Thurston County how we wanted the homeless to be handled. I prefer they all get sent to Seattle. Get them out of our county. Make Seattle the place for all of the druggies and alcoholics. Thank You for your stupidity and the choices you are making for our county. Thank You for being a fucking dumbass with no brains in your head. Thank You for reading this and setting aside 3 mins. to make a final decision and step your ass down out of office.

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Tonna :)

From: [Evan E](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Public Hearing Comments for Tomorrow - End Homeless Encampments! Enforce All Code Restrictions
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:23:51 PM

Good Afternoon,

The county needs to eliminate the homeless encampments by enforcing laws that protect hard working citizens. We don't have a homeless problem, we have a drug problem.

The cities and the county need to stop enabling this problem. My tax dollars should not go to trash removal and sanitation issues for illegal occupation of these encampments.

Theft and vandalism are raging in this county and to continue to support their occupation of illegal, inner-city areas where drugs and crime emanate daily is in itself a crime against the people of Thurston County.

It would be a step in the right direction to cleaning up this embarrassing and dangerous situation we have allowed to grow.

Sincerely,

A concerned, hard working, tax paying citizen of Olympia

From: [Phaedra Kelleher](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Homeless problem
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:59:25 PM

I am a Registered Nurse at St oeters hospital... I have been working there for 5 years. The last 2-3 years the crime rate has skyrocketed....to the point where our vehicles are being stolen, and vandalized. Our personal safety is at risk EVERY SINGLE DAY. RECENTLY we had 10...yes 10 catalytic converters stolen in ONE DAY, an armed assault of one of our patients spouses after JUST having a baby, a naked man in our parking structure and NUMEROUS vehicle thefts. The homeless encampment that has been ALLOWED to stay on ensign road is a LARGE part of the problem. These people have no right camping out there, strewing thier garbage all over the place, blocking the path for emergency vehicles, throwing trash at passing medical staff andets PLEASE not forget the health hazard that they create with all of this. Allowing them and other homeless encampments to stay put (the jungle) is only contributing to problem. We are NOT safe here. We ar the hospital have been working through the ENTIRE pandemic, sacrificing time, energy, family moments and our own safety to care for the public.....and we are being put in harms way CONSTANTLY. The state and the cities that are encouraging homelessness and the behaviors are being negligent in thier duties to serve the public. Those of us that work HARD for what we have....have the RIGHT to safety. Allowing the state of affairs to remain as they are is UNACCEPTABLE. I URGE the state and each city to DO BETTER..... please.

Phaedra Kelleher

A stressed out and concerned law abiding and threatened tax paying citizen of Washington state.

From: [Sara Glass](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Comment for Public Hearing 11/30/21
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:32:37 PM

Dear Ms. Davis,

Sanitation and public health and safety elsewhere in the county are my concerns with the emergency waiver. I live near the southern end of East Bay Drive and although the several RVs that were parked for months have recently moved, are cars and vans being overlooked in the bigger "RV" picture?

Currently there are about 6-8 at any given time parked along East Bay just north Marine Drive. Other than the gas station or Salvation Army there are no bathrooms. There is litter piled up under the vehicles, broken glass and garbage all over the sidewalk and it continues to blow all over, including across the street and into East Bay.

This is a homeless encampment, too. My comment is that the larger encampments (along Deschutes, Ensign, etc) garner more attention but what about the many smaller situations? I hope when you consider the waiver for the emergency ordinance the language includes not just the well-known large areas but can be applied in situations like the one on East Bay.

Thank you,

Sara Glass

From: [alf.howard](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Ensign road
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:52:33 AM

To anyone that may be concerned,
I have worked on Ensign Rd for 27 years. I cannot believe the decision making that went into allowing these RV's here. For the county, city or whom ever made the decision to put these RV's here and block medical emergency vehicles from getting to the hospital is a reckless and a dangerous decision. For you to put the immediate medical needs of people last is very disturbing.

We have had increasing instances happen here. We have had an employee chased around our building. We have had our recycle dumpster set on fire and cars vandalized. We have had suspicious blacked out vehicles driving and stopping along Ensign Rd. These are just a few. We have employees and patients that are very uncomfortable being here.

Now on to the environmental impact this is having. You are allowing this situation to destroy the sensitive wetlands. The human waste and garbage that is being dumped is maddening. This all has to stop now!!! If you need a place for these RV's and residents, put them on the capital campus. There is lots of room for RV's and tents. It would make it much easier for services also.

Concerned Citizen

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Gwinwood Properties](#)
To: [Stacy Klein](#); [Leah Davis](#); [Maya Teeple](#)
Subject: Incoming Emergency Housing Comment
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:11:05 PM

What are you commenting on? Choose one: INTERIM (temporary) Emergency Housing Ordinance

Your Name (optional): Gwinwood Properties

Your email address (optional): hickscorps@gmail.com

Your Comment: We, the property owner of 6504 Martin Way and the current tenant, oppose the use of 720 Carpenter Road as a homeless shelter both short-term and long-term. The needs of this vulnerable, growing population are at odds with our fiduciary responsibilities to the tenant and shareholders. There are costs to our organizations that are hidden from the ROCC. There is a real concern for the tenant who maintains their inventory outdoors. The tenant would need to increase their security surveillance and the owner would need to install additional fencing to block access between these two lots. The overall property market value is at risk with no planned property tax relief so there is a real loss to be incurred by the property owner when taxes are paid and a larger one when the property is sold. We have owned this property long before there was a city and a county and our continued investment in the area has been based on the promise of economic development and growth. We understand the need for the ROCC to find a solution to the Ensign Road Camp but we request that another solution be found and that our opposition to this proposal is duly noted. Elizabeth Klingler, Sr. V.P. Gwinwood Properties

Time: November 4, 2021 at 8:10 pm

IP Address: 70.114.134.147

Contact Form URL: <https://thurstoncomments.org/comment-on-emergency-housing/>

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From: [Deborah Watson](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: RV parking site
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:21:06 AM

Super unhappy that tax dollars are going to RV parking site. The whole county is enabling drug users with these programs and inviting more to come to Thurston County. Which is becoming a mess.

Thanks for listening

Regards Deborah Watson

From: [Maureen Fitzgerald](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Support for plan to move RVs to Carpenter Rd Site
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:41:24 PM

As Thurston Co residents, we are writing to express support for the county's plan to provide space on Carpenter RD for RVs as part of a plan to address homelessness. This is a good spot and I don't think it provides an adverse impact to nearby businesses. Thank you to the county for their efforts to address this issue.

Maureen Fitzgerald Krupke
James Krupke
4020 Oxford Loop SE
Olympia, WA 98503
360 561-7136

INTERIM EHO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Summer 2022

ID	DATE	ENTERED BY	COMMENTS NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT TYPE OF COMMENT
EHO-1	23-May-22	Leah Davis	Steve Tilley	tilley5000@gmail.com	For

SUMMARY	COUNTY RESPONSE
I urge the County Commissioners to renew the EmergThank you for your comment.	

From: [Steve](#)
To: [Leah Davis](#)
Subject: Emergency Housing Ordinance comment
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 8:37:41 AM

Hello Leah,
I urge the County Commissioners to renew the Emergency Housing Ordinance. It will give the County more flexibility in addressing homeless encampments.
Thank you,
Steve Tilley
Lacey
360-438-5529