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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 applicatiin of Thurston County code for such type of violations could occur 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)!	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	suzanlefurgeyworks@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

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: **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,

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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

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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.

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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

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: Tye Menser - District 3 Commissioner

Subject: Homelessness

From: Jon Ceazan

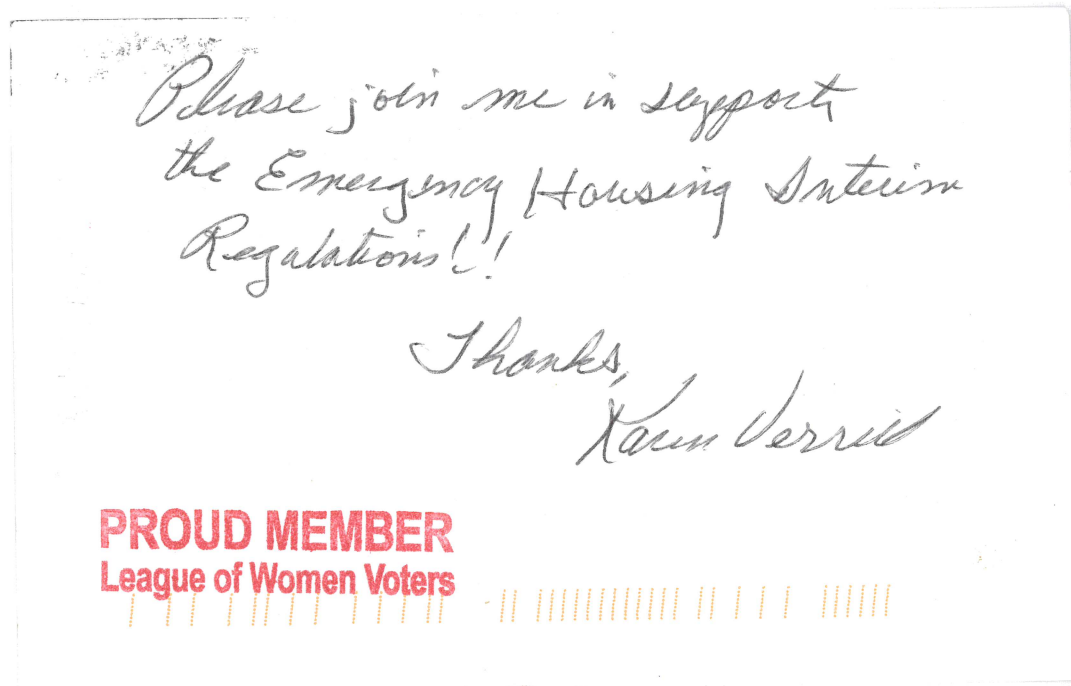
Email (if provided): jdceazan@gmail.com

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 BoCC 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. Menser,
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

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



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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.

Thank for the BOCC support.

Sincerely,
Van Sporn-Hues

PROUD MEMBER
League of Women Voters

April 23, 2019

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Thank you 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

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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 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. 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	cnrdavies@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 commissioners for continued 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>
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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 Tuscan 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.

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.

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.
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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

LOCAL

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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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

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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

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EHO-1	23-May-22	Leah Davis	Steve Tilley	tilley5000@gmail.com	For

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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