

RESOLUTION NO. 28757

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A 30 DAY EXTENSION FROM APRIL 1, 2016 TO APRIL 30, 2016, TO THE COMMUNITY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW PROPERTY OWNERS TO USE THEIR PROPERTIES OR FACILITIES, WHICH MEET ZONING CODE REQUIREMENTS, FOR SAFE PARKING, THE PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE TOILETS, AND TEMPORARY SHELTER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS (ORIGINALLY NOVEMBER 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016)

WHEREAS, existing meeting facility sites that meet the City's Zoning Code definition for "Meeting Facility, Public or Private" such as clubs, lodges, and private meeting halls, community centers, religious facilities, civic and private auditoriums, grange halls, and union halls are eligible to use the permit exemption for emergency facilities, as determined by Council (20-52.040 Temporary Use Permit Section C.2); and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, the Council by Resolution No. 28705, determined that emergency facilities, as defined in 20-52.040 Temporary Use Permit Section C.2, were needed to address the public health and safety needs of the unsheltered during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, Council consequently approved the Community Homeless Assistance Pilot Program (CHAPP), which allows owners to use their properties or facilities, which meet the Zoning Code definition for "Meeting Facility, Public or Private" ("Eligible Property"), for safe parking, the placement of portable toilets, and temporary shelter during the winter months (November 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016); and

WHEREAS, the services under CHAPP services were reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c); the services are statutorily exempt from CEQA in that the services meet the criteria for a specific action necessary to mitigate an emergency, as determined by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, due to continued demand for safe shelter options for the unsheltered, combined with a weather forecast that predicts precipitation will be near to slightly above normal through May, the City desires to extend CHAPP by thirty (30) days from April 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016, subject to the processes and conditions outlined in Resolution No. 28705.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa determines and approves the following:

Emergency facilities, as defined in 20-52.040 Temporary Use Permit Section C.2, are needed to address the public health and safety of the unsheltered during the winter months (November 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016) and continuing through April 30, 2016, and an owner of an Eligible Property may provide safe parking, the placement of portable toilets, and temporary shelter subject to the processes and conditions outlined in Resolution No. 28705.

The Department of Housing and Community Services will continue to coordinate CHAPP through April 30, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council waives the Fire Inspection fees for the first year of the pilot program (November 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016) and continuing through April 30, 2016.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 29th day of March, 2016.

AYES: (6) Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Olivares

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Interim City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney