

COMMUNITY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CHAP)

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Pilot Program

- October 2015 Council approves initial pilot (CHAPP) for 2015/2016 winter months
- Safe parking, placement of portable toilets, temporary overnight shelter
- March 2016 Council extends by 30 days to April 30

Expanded Program

- July 2016 Council received a report from staff regarding an expanded year-round CHAP
- Council directed staff to work with the Homeless Policy Subcommittee to prepare appropriate ordinance amendments for an expanded CHAP

Homeless Emergency Declaration

- August 9, 2016 – action provides City with more flexibility to address homeless crisis
- Subcommittee prepares recommendations
 - Strategy Adoption
 - CHAP Guidelines
 - Emergency Declaration Work Plan
- Prioritizes CHAP Guidelines

CHAP Guidelines

- Allow property owners to use their properties or facilities, which meet the Zoning Code definition for “Meeting Facility, Public or Private”, for a range of activities
 - Safe parking or safe camping
 - Placement and maintenance of portable toilets and access to existing bathroom facilities
 - Provision of temporary overnight shelter
 - Storage for personal belongings

CHAP Guidelines

- General operating guidelines – further refine as part of code amendment process
- Immediate implementation
- Allow interested parties to begin operations to further address the homeless crisis in Santa Rosa

Recommendation

- It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, issue regulations under the City's declaration of homeless emergency to allow for immediate implementation of an expanded year-round Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP) to include safe parking, safe camping, the placement and maintenance of portable toilets and access to existing bathroom facilities, provision of temporary overnight shelter, and storage for personal belongings.