

RESOLUTION NO. 28868

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ISSUING REGULATIONS UNDER THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF HOMELESS EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE 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

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2016, Council received a report from staff regarding an expanded year-round Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP), which sought direction as to the scope of activities to be permitted under the program, potentially to include safe parking, the placement and maintenance of portable toilets, provision of temporary overnight shelter, a safe camping program, and other measures such as increasing availability of bathroom facilities, or storage for personal belongings; and

WHEREAS, Council, by motion, directed staff to work with the Homeless Policy Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to prepare appropriate ordinance amendments for an expanded CHAP; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2016, by Resolution No. 28839, Council formally declared a local homelessness emergency in Santa Rosa (Declaration of Local Homeless Emergency); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local Homeless Emergency provides the City authority to adopt orders and regulations it deems necessary to provide for the protection of life and property and allows the City to potentially lift zoning or public safety restrictions on private property owners seeking to serve the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local Homeless Emergency allows for the implementation of an expanded CHAP on a temporary basis by Council resolution until the City is able to complete the necessary ordinance amendments for a more permanent solution; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee, with the assistance of a Technical Advisory Committee, has prepared interim CHAP Guidelines, which 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 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; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Community Services (HCS) will coordinate implementation of CHAP with the existing Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) Program for consistency with the outreach and engagement effort; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt the CHAP Guidelines and the immediate implementation of CHAP under the Declaration of Local Homeless Emergency; and

WHEREAS, this action will allow interested parties to begin operations on private property to further address the homeless crisis in Santa Rosa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa determines that an expanded year-round CHAP is needed to provide for the protection of life and property and to address the homeless crisis in Santa Rosa pursuant to the Declaration of Local Homeless Emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves the following:

- The CHAP Guidelines, in substantially the same form as Exhibit A attached hereto, which 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 to include safe parking, safe camping, the placement and maintenance of portable toilets, access to existing bathroom facilities, provision of temporary overnight shelter, and storage for personal belongings.
- The immediate implementation of CHAP, as an interim measure under the Declaration of Local Homeless Emergency and in accordance with the Guidelines approved herein, to allow interested parties to begin operations to further address the homeless crisis in Santa Rosa.
- The waiver of the Fire Inspection fee for sites providing overnight shelter for homeless pursuant to the Guidelines continuing in effect until CHAP is terminated or revised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes the Director of HCS to develop supplemental program standards as necessary or appropriate to facilitate efficient implementation of the CHAP Guidelines approved herein.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 11th day of October, 2016.

AYES: (7) Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Olivares, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney

Exhibit A – Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP) Guidelines