

City of Santa Rosa



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Title:	REPORT - COMMUNITY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CHAP) REVIEW				

BACKGROUND: On February 12, 2019, Council received a presentation on the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP), including a discussion on alternative housing options. CHAP allows property owners to use commercially zoned properties or properties and/or facilities which meet the Zoning Code definition for "Meeting Facility, Public or Private" for 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. Following the February 2019 presentation, Council directed staff to return with a report item to consider the following for CHAP: 1) engage property owners to understand potential barriers, including insurance costs, and to increase program participation; 2) expand definition of eligible property types to allow safe parking on private residential and public properties (vehicles, trailers, and/or recreational vehicles (RVs)); 3) identify public properties for safe parking and develop a program budget; 4) conduct community outreach to seek public input on the CHAP expansion; 5) adopt California Department of Housing and Community Development Emergency Building Standards to allow for alternative housing options; and 6) ensure alignment with the City's Housing First Strategy and regional priorities through the homeless system of care, Home Sonoma County. Staff will be providing an update on these six (6) items, as well as seeking Council's direction to potentially expand the CHAP.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by motion, provide direction on components of the potential expansion of the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP).

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