## City of Santa Rosa



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Assistance Program (CHAP)

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(CHAP)

10/11/2016

BACKGROUND: On July 19, 2016, Council received a report from staff regarding the potential for an expanded year-round Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP). Staff sought direction as to the scope of activities to be permitted under such 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. Council, by motion, directed staff to work with the Homeless Policy Subcommittee to prepare appropriate ordinance amendments for an expanded CHAP. On August 9, 2016, Council declared a local homeless emergency which gives the Council additional flexibility to address local homelessness. The declaration could allow Council, by resolution, to direct the immediate implementation of CHAP on an interim basis until the City is able to complete the necessary ordinance amendments for a more permanent solution. The Subcommittee, with the assistance of a Technical Advisory Committee, has prepared interim CHAP Guidelines for Council's consideration. Staff is seeking approval of the proposed interim Guidelines and the immediate implementation of CHAP under the declaration of local emergency.

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.

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