

RESOLUTION NO. 18-01

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND EXEMPTING HOUSE OF MYRRH MINISTRIES FROM PLANNING CODE REQUIREMENTS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS

WHEREAS, Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) 2.52.020 defines “emergencies” to include “any man-made or natural event or circumstance causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering...., and includes, but is not limited to, severe weather”; and

WHEREAS, OCMC 2.52.040(L) authorizes the City, in cases of emergency to “order such other measures as are necessary for the protection of life or property, or for the recovery from the emergency”; and

WHEREAS, the City has received information from Clackamas County health officials and existing homeless service providers that there is a need for additional shelter resources during cold weather events; and

WHEREAS, House of Myrrh Ministries located at 1104 6th Street has available resources and space to provide needed shelter during the extremely cold weather (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, House of Myrrh Ministries is willing to provide shelter in the existing facilities, and is not requesting any monetary commitment or reimbursement from the City; and

WHEREAS, House of Myrrh Ministries may house up to 28 individuals from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day that the outside temperature is 33 degrees or below, including wind chill factor, as measured by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration during the duration of the emergency, from January 3, 2018 to March 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the forecast identifies freezing weather; and

WHEREAS, the forecasted weather events are natural events that threaten the loss of life, injury to person or property or human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned that the expected conditions will require immediate shelter needs, response by city staff and other measures that are currently unanticipated.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Commission of Oregon City hereby declares an emergency, limited to House of Myrrh Ministries located at 1104 6th Street, due to forecasted severe cold weather. Consistent with OCMC 2.52.070 and, by this resolution, the Commission declares an emergency until 7 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Section 2. Based on the emergency identified above, the City Commission grants House of Myrrh Ministries an exemption from the Oregon City Zoning Code for the sheltering of up to 28

individuals from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day the temperature 33 degrees or below, including wind chill factor, for the duration of the emergency.

Section 3. House of Myrrh Ministries is authorized to temporarily provide shelter provided the facilities comply with the City of Oregon City and Clackamas Fire District #1 Temporary Emergency Shelter Policy (Exhibit B).

Section 4. City staff shall request, as necessary, any assistance required from other agencies, including the state of Oregon, Clackamas County, Clackamas Fire District No. 1, the American Red Cross or other agencies.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

Section 6. The City Commission adopts the following procedures to prevent, minimize, respond to or recover from the emergency consistent with OCMC 2.52.040:

- X L. Order such other measures as are necessary for the protection of life or property, or for the recovery from the emergency.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 3rd day of January 2018.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 3rd day of January 2018:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney