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Staff Report

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From: Community Development Director Laura Terway

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 18-01, Declaring an Emergency and Exempting The House of Myrrh Ministries from Planning Code Requirements on a Temporary Basis

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Approval of Resolution Number 18-01, Exempting The House of Myrrh Ministries from Planning Code Requirements for a Warming Shelter on a Temporary Basis

BACKGROUND:

The City 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. House of Myrrh Ministries, located at 1104 6th Street, has available resources and space to provide needed shelter during the extremely cold weather and ice/snow events predicted over the winter months.

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”. Section 2.52.040(L) of the OCMC 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”, including the temporary exemption of applicable codes.

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, from adoption through 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018. By adopting the proposed emergency resolution, the City Commission grants House of Myrrh Ministries an exemption from the Oregon City Zoning Code for the sheltering of up to 28 individuals provided compliance with the City of Oregon City and Clackamas Fire District #1 Temporary Emergency Shelter Policy.