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Staff Report

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From: Community Development Director Laura Terway

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No.18-09, Declaring an Emergency and Exempting a Temporary Warming Shelter at The Father's Heart Street Ministry from Planning Code Requirements until April 14, 2018

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopted Resolution Number 18-09.

BACKGROUND:

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. The Father's Heart Street Ministry, located at 603 12th Street had 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.

The City Commission approved Resolution 17-29 on December 6, 2017 allowing My Father's Heart Street Ministry to house up to 49 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. The proposal was also approved in accordance with the City of Oregon City Building Official and Clackamas Fire District #1 Temporary Emergency Policy. Since approval, the Father's Heart Street Ministry was able to serve 337 individuals during a period of 53 nights of severe cold weather totaling 2,626 beds.

Resolution 18-09 would extend the temporary warming shelter 30 days until April 14, 2018 for My Father's Heart Street Ministry in accordance with the guidelines provided above.