



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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**Agenda Date:** 10/17/2018

**Status:** Consent Agenda

**To:** City Commission

**Agenda #:** 8b.

**From:** Community Development Director Laura Terway

**File Type:** Resolution

### **SUBJECT:**

Resolution No.18-30, Declaring an Emergency and Exempting a Temporary Warming Shelter at The Father's Heart Street Ministry from Planning Code Requirements (November 15, 2018 until March 15, 2019)

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Staff recommends the City Commission review the proposed Resolution.

### **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 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.

My Father's Heart Street Ministry would like to house up to 49 individuals from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day the outside temperature is 32 degrees or below, including wind chill factor, from November 15, 2018 until March 15, 2019. The proposed exemption is dependant on approval in accordance with the City of Oregon City Building Official and Clackamas Fire District #1 Temporary Emergency Policy.

Prior exemptions resulted in My Father's Heart providing 2,516 beds over 57 nights during severe weather last winter.