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Staff Report

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From: City Manager Tony Konkol

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SUBJECT:

Temporary Shower Trailer at Clackamas County's Facility Located at 902 Abernethy Road in Oregon City

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff is requesting direction concerning the opportunity to locate a temporary shower trailer at Clackamas County's Facility located at 902 Abernethy Road in Oregon City for 1 or 2-days a week.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The COVID-19 event has severely impacted the social services available to the homeless community throughout the state, region and within Oregon City. The importance of personal hygiene has been identified as a necessary and effective method to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As social service facilities and resources have been reduced during this event, the provision of clean, safe and accessible shower facilities has been identified as a need within the homeless community. The Clackamas County facility on Abernethy Road has been identified as a potential location to locate a shower trailer 1 or 2 days a week. The shower trailer would be managed by volunteer programs.

BACKGROUND:

At the May 6, 2020 City Commission meeting the Commission approved a temporary shower trailer be located at Father's Heart. After that meeting, Father's Heart decided to open their facility and allow shower service to resume within, therefore not needing the temporary shower trailer. Clackamas County has reached-out to Oregon City staff to request a new temporary shower trailer location, which has been identified on County property at 902 Abernethy Road (location map attached). Father's Heart originally offered 108 showers weekly. With the COVID-19 restrictions, this service as been drastically limited, and only 40 showers per week are being provided.

The proposed operation plan includes bringing the trailer to the Clackamas County property parking lot on Thursdays and, when needed, on Fridays. The trailer will be onsite for 4 hours and available from 10am - 1pm. The trailer will be returned to the Clackamas Service Center each day and will not be located on the property when not in use. During shower operations staff will follow strict personal protection gear guidelines and the showers will be cleaned between each use per CDC guidelines. Towels, clothes and laundry service would be provide. It is anticipated

that the trailer would be brought to the property until such time that the social service providers that provided shower facilities pre COVID-19 are available again, this is not intended to be a permanent, long-term facility provided on the property. Additional information provided by the Clackamas County Emergency Operations Center is attached.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize the City Manger to move forward with allowing a shower trailer at Clackamas County's facility located at 902 Abernethy Road in Oregon City.
2. Do not authorize the City Manger to move forward with allowing a shower trailer at Clackamas County's facility.
3. Direct the City Manger to investigate alternatives that have not been identified or considered.