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Legislation Text

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Resolution No.18-39, Declaring an Emergency and Exempting a Temporary Warming Shelter at Won by One from Planning Code Requirements

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. Won by One, located at 1512 Washington Street has available resources and space to provided 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.

Won by One would like to house up to 34 individuals from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day the outside temperature is 33 degrees or below, including wind chill factor, from November 7, 2018 until April 15, 2019. The proposed exemption is dependent on approval in accordance with the City of Oregon City Building Official and Clackamas Fire District #1 Temporary Emergency Policy. The facility has been exempted for a warming shelter previously.