



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: November 11, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions
EXECUTIVE: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

SUBJECT

An ordinance amending Chapter 45, "Reserved," of the Dallas City Code by providing general provisions and permit requirements for the operation of a temporary inclement weather shelters - Financing: No cost consideration to the City (This item was held under advisement on June 24, 2020 and deferred on September 23, 2020)

BACKGROUND

The 2019 Point in Time count identified 1,452 unsheltered persons within the City of Dallas. With approximately 2,600 emergency shelter beds, the need far exceeds the capacity of the shelter system. During times of inclement weather, it is a matter of life and death for our vulnerable residents.

The purpose of Chapter 45 is to establish standards for the operation of temporary shelters during times of inclement weather by entities that assure compatibility of shelter activities with surrounding uses and provide a safe place for individuals and families overnight.

The new chapter will contain the process and procedure in which interested parties may participate, operate, and be permitted. The new chapter will (1) establish a temporary inclement weather shelter coordinator to oversee the program; (2) define key terms; (3) establish permit requirements; and (4) establish operational standards such as periods of operation, temperature and other weather conditions, required coordinated intake and assessment, and any potential spacing requirements from other temporary inclement weather shelters and overnight general-purpose shelter uses.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

Information about this item was provided to the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee on May 26, 2020.

On June 24, 2020, this item was deferred by Councilmember Cara Mendelsohn.

On September 23, 2020, this item was deferred by Councilmember Chad West.