

Order 285-20/21

Passage: 8-0 (Snyder absent) on 6/21/2021

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**ORDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON CITIZEN INITIATIVE AMENDMENT  
TO PORTLAND CITY CODE  
RE: EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR 50 OR FEWER ONLY**

**ORDERED**, that the Portland City Council will hold a public hearing on the attached proposed amendments to Chapter 14, Section 6.5 Conditional Uses, of the Portland City Code on July 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Portland City Hall, said amendment to be placed upon the November 2, 2021, Regular Municipal Election ballot if submission to the voters is approved by the Council.

PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

For submission to the People of the Question

Shall the proposed ordinance, a copy of which is printed hereon, be adopted?

Effective Date: Pursuant to Chapter 9, Section 9-42 of the City of Portland Code of Ordinances and 1 M.R.S. § 302, the effective date of the proposed amendments below, whether passed by the City Council or by a majority of city voters, shall be April 20, 2021, the date the affidavit petitioning the adoption of these amendments to the City Code was presented to the city clerk.

6.5.6 Supplemental use-specific conditional use Standards

6.5.6 (B). Emergency shelters

1. The facility shall provide adequate space for basic shelter operations, ~~conducting security searches and other assessments.~~
2. ~~The facility shall be designed with a centralized shelter operations office on each level providing sight lines to sleeping areas.~~
23. A management plan adequately outlining the following areas shall be provided: management responsibilities; process for resolving neighborhood concerns; staffing; access restrictions; ~~on-site surveillance~~; safety measures; ~~controls for resident behavior and noise levels~~ Criminal Trespass Order policy and appeals process for residents; and monitoring reports.
4. ~~Adequate access to and from METRO service shall be provided. The facility shall be within a ¼ mile of a METRO line, or shall be within ½ mile of a METRO line and provide adequate indoor space to permit all shelter guests day shelter, as well as implement strategies to help residents utilize transit.~~
35. The facility shall be open 24 hours per day and provide on-site services, either in person or via real-time video platform, to support residents, such as case management, life skills training, counseling, employment and educational services, housing assistance, or other programs.
46. Suitable laundry, kitchen, pantry, bicycle storage, and secure storage facilities for shelter stayers shall be provided on-site.
57. An outdoor area for guest use shall be provided on-site with adequate screening to protect privacy of guests. exclusively
6. Except for shelters solely serving families or domestic violence survivors, the facility shall provide shelter to no more than 50 individuals at a time.

**Summary: This proposed amendment requires all new emergency shelters to be open 24 hours per day and, except for family and domestic violence shelters, provide shelter to no more than 50 individuals at a time. It also removes several requirements that are not suitable across all types of shelters.**