



DATE: October 22, 2019

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Attorney's Office and
City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36, Articles XVII, IX, XVI, IV, V, VI, and VIII and Chapter 19, Article VIII, of the Mountain View City Code Related to Safe Parking and Emergency Shelters (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36, Articles XVII, IX, XVI, IV, V, VI, and VIII and Chapter 19, Article VIII, of the Mountain View City Code Related to Safe Parking and Emergency Shelters, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report). (First reading: 7-0)

SUMMARY

On September 24, 2019, the City Council introduced an ordinance to regulate safe parking, amend emergency shelter regulations, and make other related minor text amendments.

The safe parking regulations are intended to help ensure safe parking facilities are compatible with surrounding uses; are effective at facilitating participants' transition to permanent housing; and meet basic health and safety requirements. Provisions in the ordinance include, but are not limited to, qualified safe-parking provider to operate the lot; case management services to facilitate the transition to permanent housing; and general health and safety provisions, including: minimum 25' buffer from residential property lines; restrooms, water, and trash facilities; black/graywater disposal plan; and minimum 10' clearance distance between recreational vehicles to address fire safety issues. Council introduced the ordinance as proposed but modified the hours of operation to 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

In addition, amendments to the emergency shelter regulations were made to allow emergency shelters with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit in all commercial, industrial, and public facilities zones, with the exception of the MM Zoning District, which would continue to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use. Council

introduced the ordinance as proposed but modified the maximum number of beds/
persons per shelter to 150.

FISCAL IMPACT

The September 24, 2019 Council report anticipated that existing funds in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget, combined with the reallocation of \$100,000 originally authorized for Homeless Enforcement Initiatives, would be sufficient to fund Safe Parking services for vehicles parked in the City-controlled sites with an estimated 20 additional vehicles. However, staff continues to assess the capacity and costs to provide safe parking services and believes additional funding may be needed to meet the goal of effective safe parking operations for up to 100 vehicles at the shorter-term and longer-term (temporary) lots.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting. The ordinance was published at least two days prior to adoption in accordance with City Charter Section 522.

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Attachments: 1. Ordinance
2. Council Report (Item 7.2) – September 24, 2019