
Turnagain Community Council

c/o TCC Acting President Cathy L. Gleason tccpresident@yahoo.com

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RE: Municipality of Anchorage Code Amendments RE: Homeless and Transient Shelter

Ms. Kimmel and Ms. Blake,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal to amend:

- Municipality of Anchorage Code 21.05.010E (Table of Allowed Uses), and
- AMC 21105.040C.5 Use-Specific Standards, to allow the use-type "Homeless and Transient Shelter" in the B-3 (General Business) District, as a Conditional Use and to create Use Specific Standards.

Members of the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) Land Use Committee as well as the TCC Board have reviewed the above referenced AMC amendments and submits the following comments (these comments will be on the TCC March 4th general membership meeting agenda for ratification consideration):

TCC recognizes that currently limiting Homeless and Transient Shelters to PLI-Zoned properties has provided challenges in finding additional locations within the Municipality to serve an increasing number of people in need of shelter beds.

Therefore, TCC supports the proposed Title 21 Code changes referenced above that would allow homeless and transient shelters to be allowed — with a Conditional Use Permit — in the B-3 Zoning District.

It is important that a Conditional Use Permit is required for any homeless or transient shelter proposal in B-3-Zoned property, so that community councils receive notice of a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing and can provide comments and recommendations on the proposal before approved. This important step allows for a Conditional Use Permit to include requirements to address things like facility hours of operation, access, security, buffering, parking, trash, or other potential impacts resulting from the facility location/operations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need clarification of the above comments.

Sincerely,

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