

Email regarding Municipal Code Title 21 – Land Use Planning for Homeless and Transient Shelters.

Good morning,

The Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department has prepared a Community Discussion Draft Assembly Ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 – Land Use Planning for homeless and transient shelters. Under current Anchorage Municipal Code, homeless and transient shelters are only allowed within the Public Lands and Institutions (PLI) Zoning District as a conditional use. The limitation to one Zoning District makes it difficult to provide additional beds. The Draft Ordinance proposes to allow homeless and transient shelters within the PLI Zoning District, General Business (B-3) Zoning District, and Central Business District, Periphery (B-2C) Zoning District as conditional uses. In addition, the Draft Ordinance proposes new use-specific standards to support all homeless and transient shelters. Attached to this email is a map of the Downtown area showing the B-2C Zoning District and a second map showing the PLI and B-3 Zoning Districts.

The Planning Department will present and discuss the Draft Ordinance at the November 18, 2020 Federation of Community Councils meeting. Planning staff is also available to present to individual community councils (or during a combined meeting of more than one community council). Please reply to this email to request a presentation if you would like one for your community council. Thank you.

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