

ORDINANCE NO. 188764

An ordinance amending Sections 12.21, 12.80, and 12.81 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to incorporate the definition of "homeless shelter" as defined in state law.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Paragraph (w) of Subdivision 4 of Subsection A of Section 12.21 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(w) **Shelters for the Homeless.** Unless otherwise provided by state law, or the Code, including Section 12.80 and Subsection A of Section 12.81, the number of automobile parking spaces required for a "shelter for the homeless" as defined in Section 12.03 of this Code or a "homeless shelter" established pursuant to Sections 12.80 or 12.81 of this Code, located within 1,000 feet of a public transit stop, may be reduced to 25 percent of the number otherwise required by Paragraphs (a) through (v), inclusive, of this Subdivision 4, but in no event less than two spaces for any such shelter. The number of automobile parking spaces required for a "shelter for the homeless" as defined in Section 12.03 of this Code or a "homeless shelter" established pursuant to Sections 12.80 or 12.81 of this Code, located more than 1,000 feet from a public transit stop, may be reduced to 25 percent of the number otherwise required by Paragraphs (a) through (v), inclusive, of this Subdivision 4, plus two spaces.

Sec. 2. Section 12.80 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 12.80. HOMELESS SHELTERS – EMERGENCIES – CITY OWNED AND LEASED PROPERTY.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this article to the contrary, during any period for which the Mayor and/or the City Council have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of Government Code Section 8698 et seq., a homeless shelter defined in Government Code Section 8698.4(c)(1) as it is currently written as of the date this ordinance is adopted, may be established and operated on property owned or leased by the City of Los Angeles in any zone as a matter of right without regard to the number of beds or number of persons served. A facility used as a homeless shelter under this section must comply with the minimum building regulations set forth in Section 91.8605 of this Code, as it is currently written or as it may be amended in the future. If the lot on which any such shelter is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of parking spaces required by Section 12.21 A.4.(w) of this Code, then the number of spaces required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any parking spaces exists on the lot, no spaces shall be required.

Sec. 3. Subsection A of Section 12.81 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 12.81. HOMELESS SHELTERS - EMERGENCIES - CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

A. Notwithstanding any provisions of this article to the contrary, during any period for which the Mayor and/or the City Council have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of Government Code Sections 8698 et seq., a homeless shelter defined in Government Code Section 8698.4(c)(1) as it is currently written as of the date this ordinance is adopted, may be established and operated in the R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, and M3 zones without regard to the number of beds or number of persons served, if the shelter is operated by a religious institution or a non-profit, charitable organization and the shelter is located on property owned or leased by that institution or organization. If the lot on which any such shelter is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of parking spaces required by Section 12.21 A.4.(w) of this Code, then the number of spaces required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any parking spaces exists on the lot, no spaces shall be required. Unreinforced masonry and/or non-ductile concrete buildings shall not be used as shelters for the homeless.

Sec. 4. **RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** The provisions of this ordinance shall apply retroactively.

Sec. 5. **SEVERABILITY.** If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

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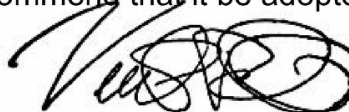


OSCAR MEDELLIN
Deputy City Attorney

Date October 17, 2025

File No. 24-1587

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I
approve this ordinance on behalf
of the City Planning Commission and
recommend that it be adopted.



VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP
Director of Planning

Date October 16, 2025

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles
hereby certifies that the foregoing
ordinance was passed by the Council
of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK



MAYOR



11/17/2025

Ordinance Passed November 4, 2025

Approved _____

Ordinance Posted: 11/19/2025
Ordinance Effective Date: 12/29/2025