

ORDINANCE NO. 188765

An ordinance amending Sections 1.6.2 and 1.6.3, and Division 14.3 of Chapter 1A 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. Section 1.6.2. of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1.6.2. EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTERS — CITY OWNED & LEASED PROPERTY.

A. Regardless of any provisions of this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A) to the contrary, during any period for which the *Mayor* or the *City Council* have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of California Government Code, Sec. 8698. (Shelter Crisis), et seq., a *homeless shelter* may be established and operated on property owned or leased by the City of Los Angeles in any zone as a matter of right regardless of the number of beds or number of persons served.

B. Facilities used as a *homeless shelter* under this Section (Emergency Homeless Shelters — City Owned & Leased Property) shall comply with the minimum building regulations set forth in Chapter IX. (Building Regulations), Sec. 91.8605. (Emergency Homeless Shelters) of this Code, as it is currently written or as it may be amended in the future, and are exempt from the requirements of the *zoning districts*.

C. If the *lot* on which any such shelter is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of *parking stalls* required by Sec. 4C.4.1. (Automobile Parking Stalls), if any, then the number of *parking stalls* required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any *parking stalls* exists on the *lot*, no *parking stalls* spaces shall be required.

Sec. 2. Section 1.6.3. of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1.6.3. EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTERS — CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

A. Regardless of any provisions of this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A) to the contrary, during any period for which the *Mayor* or the *City Council* have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of California Government Code, Sec. 8698 (Shelter Crisis), et seq., a *homeless shelter* may be established and operated on a *lot* zoned Residential Use District (Div. 5B.3.) with a Density

District (Part 6B.) of FA to 8, a Residential-Mixed Use District (Div. 5B.4.) with a Density District (Part 6B.) of FA to 8, a Commercial-Mixed Use District (Div. 5B.5.), an Industrial-Mixed Use District (Div. 5B.6.), or an Industrial Use District (Div. 5B.7.) regardless of the number of beds or number of persons served or the applicable Form District (Part 2B.) or Frontage District (Part 3B.), if the *homeless shelter* is operated by a *religious institution* or a non-profit charitable organization and the *homeless shelter* is located on property owned or leased by that institution or organization.

B. Facilities used as a *homeless shelter* under this Section (Emergency Homeless Shelters — Charitable Organizations), which comply with the minimum building regulations set forth in Chapter IX. (Building Regulations), Sec. 91.8605. (Emergency Homeless Shelters), as it is currently written or as it may be amended in the future, and which comply with the requirements of this Section, are exempt from the requirements of the *zoning districts*.

C. If the *lot* on which any such *homeless shelter* is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of *parking stalls* required by Sec. 4C.4.1. (Automobile Parking Stalls), if any, then the number of *parking stalls* required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any *parking stalls* exists on the *lot*, no *parking stalls* shall be required.

D. Unreinforced masonry or non-ductile concrete buildings shall not be used as a *homeless shelter*.

E. Any provider establishing and operating a *homeless shelter* shall also comply with all the following requirements:

1. Providers shall register with the City of Los Angeles by submitting a Cold/Wet Weather Temporary Shelter Application online via the City's website (www.lacity.gov);

2. Providers shall comply with the Cold/Wet Weather Temporary Shelter requirements promulgated by the Los Angeles Fire Department's Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau;

3. Providers shall provide written notification to the owners of properties *abutting* the subject property, as well as to any *school* located within 500 feet of the subject property, prior to operating a *homeless shelter* on the subject property; and

4. Providers shall comply with all local, state, and federal requirements that apply to the permitted use of their property while operating a *homeless shelter* pursuant to this Section (Emergency Homeless Shelters — Charitable Organizations).

Sec. 3. The following definition is added in alphabetical order to Division 14.3. of Article 14. of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

Homeless Shelter. For the purposes of Sec. 1.6.2. (Emergency Homeless Shelters — City Owned & Leased Property) and Sec. 1.6.3. (Emergency Homeless Shelters — Charitable Organizations), homeless shelter is defined pursuant to California Government Code, Sec. 8698.4(c)(1) as it is currently written.

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

Sec. 5. **STYLE AND FORMATTING CORRECTIONS.** City Planning prior to publishing the Code shall ensure all of the following style and formatting corrections are made in consultation with the City Attorney's Office:

A. All numbering of chapters, articles, parts, divisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sub-subparagraphs, and sub-sub-subparagraphs shall match the existing numbering format, style, and hierarchy in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (e.g., all numbering ends with a period, except sub-sub-subparagraphs which are punctuated with a parenthetical).

B. Formatting and typeface style for all headings shall match the existing formatting and typeface style in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including the following, paragraph breaks after subsection headers, no periods at the end of headers, headers of divisions and sections in all caps, and headers of subsections or any lower ordinal in title case with the first letter of each word capitalized.

C. All internal citations to the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall match the formatting and style of the existing Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including adding periods at the end of the citation number, including the title that matches the cited section in parenthesis after the period (e.g., "Sec. 5A.2.2. (Use Applicability)" or "Paragraph 2. (No Net Loss of Dwelling Units)"), and citations to Chapters of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall use Roman numerals for the chapter number and include "of this Code" after the parenthetical of the title of the Chapter (e.g., "Chapter I (General Provisions and Zoning) of this Code").

D. All internal citations within the Los Angeles Municipal Code referring to content modified by this ordinance shall be updated to reflect the latest titles and section references.

E. All internal citations within the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall be updated to the correct citation where the cited section number does not exist, but the section name is stated clearly (e.g., correct "Sec. 13.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)" to "Sec. 13A.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)" because Sec. 13.2.10. does not exist).

F. All citations stating “section” shall be updated to “Sec.” and those stating “division” shall be updated to “Div.” This does not apply to citations internal to the division or section being referenced, in which case the full term of section or division shall be used (e.g. “The intent of this Section (Roof Materials) is to...”).

G. All citations to state law shall be updated to first state the name of the statute, followed by the referenced citation and the title of the referenced citation if available (e.g. California Government Code, Title 7. (Planning and Land Use)).

H. Words and phrases that are included in the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall not be capitalized unless they are proper nouns, mapped areas under Article 1 of Chapter 1A, district names, or zone string components. Any glossary terms used in Chapter 1A (including words italicized in this ordinance (other than headings in parentheses)) shall be indicated by underline in the published Code and linked to the Glossary term in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

I. Consistent with Sec. 11.01. (Definitions and Interpretation), which states that, “the singular number includes the plural, and the plural, the singular,” singular or plural versions of existing glossary terms may be added into the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code as needed to ensure exact matches in the use of the term in the text of the LAMC and its entry in the Glossary, which is a requirement of the new interactive web-based zoning code in order to allow the definition to appear in the pop-up of a term when the site-user clicks on the term.

Terms added shall include a glossary entry redirecting to the originally defined term (e.g. Applicable Story: See *applicable stories*).

J. All fonts and/or typeface and spacing and layout (including indentations) of text, headings, graphs and tables, and colors shall match that of the existing published Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

K. All numbers shall be written in accordance with the following protocol:

1. Numbers one through nine shall be written out, unless within a table.
2. Numbers written as the first word of sentence shall be written out (e.g. “One hundred percent of all affordable housing...”).
3. Fractions and numbers including fractions shall be displayed as numerals (e.g. “½” instead of “one-half”, and 1½ instead of “one and ½”).
4. Ordinance numbers shall be written so that “Ordinance number” is abbreviated and includes a comma after three digits, and includes

the effective or operative dates (e.g. "...as established by Ord. No. 176,445 (effective 3/9/05)...").

5. FAR numbers remain per drafting standard.

i. Example: "... a FAR of 2.5:1 shall be...",

6. Zoning District numbers remain as a number.

i. Example: "...those lots with a Density District 6 or more restrictive..."

L. All instances of the percentage symbol (%) shall be updated to "percent" or "percentage" as appropriate unless the percentage is shown within a table, in which case the percentage symbol (%) shall be used.

Sec. 6. **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. 7. 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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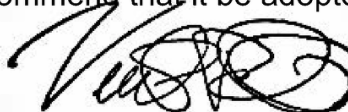


OSCAR MEDELLIN
Deputy City Attorney

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