

EXHIBIT A.1:
Chapter 1 Emergency Shelter Code Amendment

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As recommended by the City Planning Commission

May 6, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 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:**

Sec. 1. 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 Sections 8698, et seq., a homeless shelter ~~for the homeless~~ (as defined in Government Code Section 8698.4(c)(1)~~12.03 of this Code~~) 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. Facilities used as a shelter for the homeless 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. 2. 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 ~~for the homeless~~ (as defined in Government Code Section 8698.4(c)(1)~~Section 12.03 of this Code~~) 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. 3. Retroactive Application. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply retroactively to every homeless shelter established during any period for which the Mayor or the City Council have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of California Government Code section 8698, et. seq, or subject to the provisions of Sections 12.80 or 12.81 of Chapter I of this Code.