



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Shelter Crisis Declaration Resolution Amendment

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Staff

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council amending Resolution 2017-16 to include 205 7th Street as a designated site under the Shelter Crisis Declaration Resolution; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation to operate a shelter for women and families at 205 7th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

DISCUSSION

The COVID-19 pandemic emergency has highlighted the need for additional shelter locations to temporarily house and isolate members of our houseless community. Betty Chinn of the Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation has located a vacant building directly across from the Betty Chinn Day Center to assist with this need. The vacant commercial building can be utilized to help shelter women and families on a temporary basis.

The property, located at 205 7th Street is zoned DT-W (Downtown West) and most recently housed a cannabis laboratory business. Prior to the laboratory, the building housed a retail service business for many years. The building would be reconfigured to accommodate approximately 20 individuals in temporary one room assignments. The Emergency Shelter Declaration allows for waiving of certain building, health, and safety codes to accommodate the placement of families in a retail type building.

All transitional and supportive services, including food will be administered or overseen by the Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation and in cooperation with existing City and County

agencies along with St. Joseph Hospital. Shelter residents will be required adhere to a shelter rules which will dictate eligibility and expected behavior within the shelter.

The adoption of this amended Resolution expands the Emergency Crisis Declaration to include the property at 205 7th Street in Eureka and the approval of the agreement between the City of Eureka and Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation allows for the establishment of the temporary shelter. Upon execution of the agreement, the City of Eureka agrees to lease the temporary shelter site on behalf of the Betty Chinn Kwan Foundation for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Technology
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works