

RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-160

A RESOLUTION of the City of Yakima, Washington, authorizing and directing the City of Yakima Department of Community and Economic Development to identify and implement a policy regarding temporary emergency cold weather shelters in the City of Yakima, and providing that such policy shall be valid only during November, December 2007, and January, February and March, 2008.

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima, in conjunction with the Yakima County Homeless Network, is aware that there is within the City of Yakima a population of homeless persons who may require temporary emergency shelter from cold weather; and

WHEREAS, owners of various buildings, including churches, located within the City of Yakima have indicated that they are willing and able to provide temporary emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima currently has no municipal code provisions, whether under the zoning, buildings, fire, or other codes, expressly allowing, authorizing, or regulating the use of such structures as temporary emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima Department of Community and Economic Development has endeavored to create interim policy guidelines to address and regulate temporary emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima City Council finds and determines that it is in the public interest to adopt the resolution set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Yakima, Washington:

The City of Yakima Department of Community and Economic Development is hereby authorized and directed to implement the proposed policy statement and application materials attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, which exhibits are hereby incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein

This resolution shall be effective after its adoption and for a period expiring on the last day of March, 2008.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Yakima, Washington, this 4th day of December, 2007.

/s/ David Edler

David Edler, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah Moore

City Clerk