


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Housing Department	CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure & Policy	Coordination: CAO	Dept. Approval: Ragan Henninger, Deputy Director, Housing
Council District(s): Citywide	Making resulting in no changes to the physical environment.		CMO Approval:  11/23/21

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ'S BRIDGE HOUSING ORDINANCE UNDER TITLE 5 CHAPTER 5.09 OF THE SAN JOSÉ MUNICIPAL CODE

RECOMMENDATION:

Extend the Bridge Housing Ordinance set to expire January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2025 in accordance with authority under Assembly Bill 1745

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

As a result of the ongoing Homelessness Crisis across the State, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 2176 on September 27, 2016 amending the Shelter Crisis Act. The Bill authorized the City of San José to create and adopt an ordinance establishing local building, health, and safety standards to construct and operate temporary emergency housing during a shelter crisis. On December 7, 2018 the City Council reaffirmed the ongoing shelter crisis and adopted an ordinance amending Title 5 of the San José Municipal Code to add [Chapter 5.09](#), which established local standards for design, site development, and operations of Emergency Bridge Housing.

Since adopting the Emergency Bridge Housing Communities ordinance at the end of 2018, the City has constructed two Emergency Bridge Housing Communities (tiny homes or BHCs) and three (3) Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) sites with a [fourth \(4\) EIH under construction](#). Currently, these sites are temporarily housing approximately 275 individuals and 48 families on any given night, with an additional 78 individuals at the 4th EIH site beginning in early summer 2022. Each of these sites are professionally operated by non-profit organizations that provide ongoing site management as well as critical support services to the residents.

On September 26, 2019, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 1745, extending the authority under AB 2176 from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2025. Approval of the recommendation will extend the City's existing Emergency Bridge Housing Communities ordinance (MC 5.09) to January 1, 2025, to align with AB 1745. Extension of the ordinance and the standards established in the ordinance would permit construction of additional BHCs and EIHs and provide continued standards for operating the six (6) communities under the Shelter Crisis Act.

Climate Smart San José: The recommendation in this memo has no effect on Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals

Commission Recommendation/Input: N/A

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

This recommendation will have no fiscal impact. Each project has or will receive separate approval as required for costs to construct or operate.

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