



# Ordinance Fact Sheet

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** December 9, 2013  
**FROM:** CITY ATTORNEY  
**SUBJECT: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE TO ALLOW EMERGENCY SHELTERS,  
LIMITED**

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS  
PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) TO ALLOW EMERGENCY  
SHELTERS, LIMITED**

## PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance implements the direction given by the City Council on November 18, 2013 to amend the Zoning Code to bring the City into compliance with State law regarding the permitting of certain emergency shelters by right.

## REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

State law (Gov't Code § 65583) requires local jurisdictions to permit emergency shelters by right, with no discretionary approval, in at least one zoning district if the jurisdiction has an unmet need for emergency shelters for persons who are homeless. The zoning districts must have sufficient capacity for shelters to accommodate the quantified unmet need. The proposed ordinance amends the City's Zoning Code to comply with state law. The proposed ordinance also responds to Council's direction given on November 18, 2013, in that it includes a requirement for litter clean up, and the management plan requirement was expanded to include referrals for drug and alcohol dependency.

This is an Urgency Ordinance that is necessary to satisfy immediate demand for emergency shelters, protects the public health and safety during the current cold weather season, and allows for new emergency shelters to open as soon as possible. This ordinance will therefore take effect upon publication. This ordinance also satisfies the requirements of the California Housing and Community Development Department

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that the ordinance be in effect prior to their approval of the City's update to its Housing Element. The update to the Housing Element has already been submitted to HCD for review.

**PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED**

The Planning and Community Development Department will implement this ordinance.

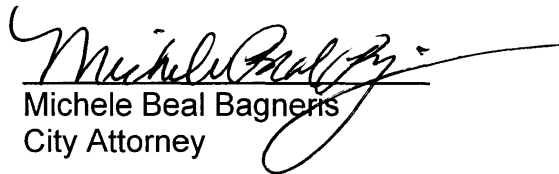
**FISCAL IMPACT**

There will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of this ordinance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On November 18, 2013, the City Council found that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Zoning Code amendments set forth in this ordinance would have a significant impact on the environment, and adopted a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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