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**Portland City Council Hearing  
November 2, 2016 at 2:20pm**

**Council Chambers, City Hall  
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.**

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# City Council Hearing on: Mass Shelters and Housing Zoning Code Update

## Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you responded in writing to the matter, testified at a previous related hearing, have requested notice of this hearing, or have expressed interest in being notified of Bureau of Planning and Sustainability projects.

## What is this project about?

The code amendments are the result of City Council's direction to "simplify regulations, remove regulatory obstacles, and expedite processes for land use reviews and permits for affordable housing projects, mass shelters, and short-term housing". This direction was given through Resolution 37196 passed in March 2016.

These amendments were recommended by the Planning and Sustainability Commission on September 27, 2016 after the public hearing held on September 13. They provide more flexibility for the siting of mass shelters in zones where they are already allowed, including increasing the number of allowed beds and reducing separation requirements. The code also reduces parking requirements for some mass shelters and short-term housing. For mass shelters and short-term housing subject to conditional use review, discretionary review alternatives (Type II instead of Type III) are provided for applicants, and an amended set of approval criteria are created for facilities in existing buildings or with existing institutions. The amendments provide additional opportunities for certain institutions to provide limited transitional housing on a short-term basis.

The Planning & Sustainability Commission recommended to not move forward with any permanent amendments affecting the process of design or historic review of affordable housing projects. This was based on a lack of case studies to determine the effectiveness of the current temporary measure as well as due to testimony received at the hearing.

## How can I review this proposal?

**Get a copy of the report.** The *Mass Shelters and Housing Zoning Code Update: Recommended Draft* will be available the week of October 10, 2016. You can pick up a copy at our office at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, 7th Floor. The Bureau receptionist will mail you a copy if you call 503-823-7700. The document will also be available on the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability website at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/71246](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/71246).

## How can I comment on this proposal?

**Testify at the City Council hearing.** The hearing, on **Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 2:20p.m.**, will be in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue. Please check the City Council agenda on the Friday before the hearing to confirm the date and time at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/26997>.

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## For more information

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