

RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-

A RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Yakima Community Development Department 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 from November 18, 2015 through March 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima, in conjunction with the Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, 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 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 Development is hereby authorized and directed to implement the proposed policy statement and application materials attached hereto. This resolution shall be effective after its adoption and for a period expiring on the 15th day of March, 2016

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 17th day of November, 2015

Micah Cawley, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

