

## ALTERNATIVE THREE SHELTER AMENDMENT

This referendum shall take effect thirty (30) calendar days after the declaration of the official canvass of the return of such this referendum in accordance with City Code Sec. 9-42. This referendum shall not have any retroactive effect and shall not apply to lawfully pre-existing emergency shelters or emergency shelters that have received substantive review under Chapter 14 of the City Code as of the effective date, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Sec. 302.

### CHAPTER 14 LAND USE CODE

#### 6-3. Definitions.

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Shelter capacity emergency. A shelter capacity emergency may exist when the number of individuals seeking emergency shelter in the City far exceeds the number of emergency shelter beds available. During a shelter capacity emergency, the City Council may allow emergency shelter facilities to exceed the 150 bed capacity limit.  
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Article 6 Use Standards; Sub-article 6.5 Conditional Uses; 6.5.6 Supplemental Use-specific Conditional Use Standards

#### B. Emergency shelters

1. The facility shall provide adequate space for conducting security searches and other assessments.
2. The facility shall be designed with a centralized shelter operations office on each level providing sight lines to sleeping areas. This requirement shall not apply to apartment-style shelters.
3. A management plan adequately outlining the following areas shall be provided: management responsibilities; process for resolving neighborhood concerns; staffing; access restrictions, including a clear policy regarding Criminal Trespass Orders (CTOs); on-site surveillance; safety measures; controls for resident behavior and noise levels; and monitoring reports.
4. Adequate access to and from METRO service shall be provided. ~~The facility shall be within a ¼ mile of a METRO line, or shall be within ½ mile of a METRO line and provide adequate indoor space to permit all shelter guests day shelter, as well as must implement strategies to help residents utilize public transit.~~
5. The facility must provide indoor space to permit shelter guests day shelter.
6. The facility shall be open 24 hours per day and shall provide on-site services to support residents, such as case management, life skills training, counseling, employment and educational services, housing assistance, or other programs.
7. Suitable laundry, kitchen, pantry, bicycle storage, and secure storage facilities for shelter stayers shall be provided on-site.

8. An outdoor area for guest use shall be provided on-site with adequate screening to protect privacy of guests.
9. An emergency shelter shall not be located within 1,000 feet of another, as measured from the nearest property line of each shelter in a straight line. Domestic violence shelters that do not disclose their locations for safety reasons are exempt from this provision.
10. An emergency shelter shall have a maximum bed capacity of 150 beds. This capacity may be increased by order of the City Council in the event that a shelter capacity emergency is declared. A shelter capacity emergency may be declared by order of the City Council upon completing a resource inventory of available emergency shelter beds and alternative bed resources. This resource inventory will include a census of available beds at local emergency shelters, supportive housing sites, or other existing programs providing emergency housing to unhoused community members. The City, during such an emergency, shall make best efforts to utilize available alternative bed resources prior to expanding the authorized bed count at an emergency shelter facility.
11. The total bed capacity for individual residents within emergency shelters in the City shall not exceed 300 beds within a one-mile radius. Distance shall be measured from the nearest property line of each shelter in a straight line. Domestic violence shelters that do not disclose their locations for safety reasons are exempt from this provision.
12. Exceptions: The requirements of Sec. 6.5.6(B)(1), (B)(2), and (B)(7) shall not apply to the consolidation of the operations of the Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter at 38 Preble Street and the Preble Street Teen Center at 343 Cumberland Avenue into one 24/7 emergency shelter facility for teens at 343 Cumberland Avenue, provided that there is no expansion of the number of individuals served or beds currently provided between the two existing locations.