

CHAPTER 30: ZONING

§ 30-49 EMERGENCY SHELTER AND LOW-BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTER REGULATIONS

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§ 30-49.1 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

- a. The purpose of this section is to ensure compliance with California Government Code §§ 65583(a)(4) and 65660–65668 by allowing emergency shelters as a permitted use as a by-right use in at least one designated zone subject to the applicable operational standards set forth in this section.
- b. Furthermore, the purpose of this section is to ensure compliance with California Government Code §§ 65660 – 65666 by allowing low-barrier navigation centers as a by-right use in mixed-use zones, provided such uses comply with the applicable operational standards set forth in this section.

§ 30-49.2 DEFINITIONS

- a. **Emergency Shelter.** Housing with minimal supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness, limited to stays on a short-term basis, as defined in Health & Safety Code § 50801(e).
- b. **Low-Barrier Navigation Center.** A housing-first, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on transitioning individuals into permanent housing, which may be provided in a non-congregate setting. Low barrier means access is not conditioned on sobriety, participation in treatment, or similar preconditions, and accommodations are made for pets, partners, and possessions.

§ 30-49.3 REVIEW PROCEDURES

- a. Applications for emergency shelters in the ML zone shall be subject to ministerial project review pursuant to section 30.45.4(b) (Project Review – Architecture Review Board) for compliance with applicable development and operational standards. Review shall be completed within 30 days of the City receiving a complete application.
- b. Applications for low barrier navigation centers shall be subject to ministerial project review pursuant to section 30.45.4(b) (Project Review – Design Review Team) for compliance with applicable development and operational standards. Within 30 days of receipt of an application for a low barrier navigation center, the City shall notify a developer whether the developer’s application is complete. Within 60 days of receipt of a completed application for a low barrier navigation center, the City shall act upon its review of the application.
- c. Applications may be denied only in compliance with Government Code § 65589.5(d), based on written, objective findings supported by substantial evidence in the record.

§ 30-49.4 EMERGENCY SHELTER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

Emergency shelters shall comply with the following standards:

- a. **Capacity.** No emergency shelter shall have more than 100 beds, and shall be subject to building and fire codes.
- b. **Parking.** At least one parking space shall be required per staff member on duty during the shift with the greatest number of staff; no additional parking shall be required.
- c. **Spacing.** No minimum separation is required between existing and proposed shelters, consistent with Government Code § 65583(a)(4).
- d. **Intake/Waiting Areas.** Adequate interior or covered on-site waiting/intake areas shall be provided to prevent queuing in the public right-of-way.
- e. **On-Site Management and Security.** On-site management and security staff shall be present during all hours of operation, with contact information posted regarding how to access management.
- f. **Lighting.** Exterior lighting shall be provided for safety of residents and others. Lighting shall be directed and shielded to minimize impacts on adjacent residential properties.
- g. **Security Plan.** A security plan shall be provided to the City as part of the application and proposed operations plan, and shall be made available at all times to City staff, the Sheriff's Department, and emergency response personnel.
- h. **Restrictions on Entry.** Entry for use of the shelter shall not be conditioned on background checks, sobriety, or similar requirements.
- i. **Prohibition of Loitering.** Residents shall not loiter or congregate outside the facility, including in the public right-of-way adjacent to the property. Shelter management shall take reasonable measures to enforce this requirement.
- j. **Time Restrictions.** The shelter shall establish reasonable hours for resident entry and exit to minimize impacts on surrounding uses. The City may review the proposed schedule as part of the operations plan.
- k. **Coordination with Law Enforcement.** The shelter shall register with the Compton Sheriff's Department and provide contact information for the on-site manager. The shelter shall cooperate with law enforcement on matters of safety and security as needed.
- l. **Noise.** Activities at the shelter shall comply with applicable City noise regulations, and shelter operations shall be conducted to minimize noise impacts on nearby residential properties.
- m. **Length of Stay.** No client shall be permitted to reside at a shelter for more than 180 days within any calendar year.
- n. **Alcohol and Drugs Prohibited.** No alcohol or drugs shall be permitted onsite, and no person under the obvious influence of any controlled substance shall be admitted to the facility.
- o. **Storage.** Each emergency shelter shall provide secure storage for residents' personal belongings and bicycle parking.

§ 30-49.5 LOW-BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

Low-barrier navigation centers shall comply with the following standards:

- a. **Connected Services.** The facility shall offer services to clients to connect them to permanent housing through a services plan. Such plan shall identify services staffing.
- b. **Coordinated Entry System.** The facility shall have a link to a coordinated entry system that allows facility staff or staff who co-locate in the facility to conduct assessments and provide services to connect clients to permanent housing. "Coordinated entry system" means a centralized or coordinated assessment system developed pursuant to Section 576.400(d) or Section 578.7(a)(8), as applicable, of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and any related requirements designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals.
- c. **Code Compliance.** The facility shall comply with Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- d. **Homeless Management Information System.** The facility shall have a system for entering information regarding client stays, client demographics, client income, and exit destination through the local Homeless Management Information System, as defined by Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- e. **Capacity.** No low-barrier navigation center shall have more than 200 beds, subject to building and fire codes.
- f. **Parking.** At least one parking space shall be required per staff member on duty during the shift with the greatest number of staff; no additional parking shall be required.
- g. **Spacing.** No minimum separation is required between existing and proposed centers, consistent with Government Code § 65583(a)(4).
- h. **Intake/Waiting Areas.** Adequate interior or covered on-site waiting/intake areas shall be provided to prevent queuing in the public right-of-way.
- i. **On-Site Management and Security.** On-site management and security staff shall be present during all hours of operation, with contact information posted regarding how to access management.
- j. **Lighting.** Exterior lighting shall be provided for safety of residents and others. Lighting shall be directed and shielded to minimize impacts on adjacent residential properties.
- k. **Security Plan.** A security plan shall be provided to the City as part of the application and proposed operations plan, and shall be made available at all times to City staff, the Sheriff's Department, and emergency response personnel.
- l. **Restrictions on Entry.** Entry for use of the center shall not be conditioned on background checks, sobriety, or similar requirements.
- m. **Loitering Prohibition.** Residents shall not loiter or congregate outside the facility, including in the public right-of-way adjacent to the property. Shelter management shall take reasonable measures to enforce this requirement.
- n. **Time Restrictions.** The center shall establish reasonable hours for resident entry and exit to minimize impacts on surrounding uses. The City may review the proposed schedule as part of the operations plan.
- o. **Noise.** Activities at the center shall comply with applicable City noise regulations, and operations shall be conducted to minimize impacts on nearby residential properties.
- p. **Coordination with Law Enforcement.** The shelter shall register with the Compton Sheriff's Department and provide contact information for the on-site manager. The shelter shall cooperate with law enforcement on matters of safety and security as needed.
- q. **Length of Stay.** No client shall be permitted to reside at a center for more than 180 days within any calendar year.

- r. **Alcohol and Drugs Prohibited.** No alcohol or drugs shall be permitted onsite, and no person under the obvious influence of any controlled substance shall be admitted to the facility.
- s. **Storage.** Each low-barrier navigation center shall provide secure storage for residents' personal belongings and bicycle parking.