Alternative Approaches to Temporary Housing or Encampments for Unsheltered Homeless Individuals

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Overview of Questions

1. Why have some other cities done an “emergency declaration?”
   • Is there a need for a declaration in Denver/Colorado to take certain actions?

2. What type of temporary housing are other cities doing?
   • what role are the cities specifically playing?
Purpose/Benefits of Emergency Declarations Elsewhere

• Access to “emergency” state funds (California)

• Exempt from building and zoning codes

* Not all cities taking new approaches to temporary housing have needed/done a declaration
Cities That Did Declare an Emergency

• San Diego, California
• Los Angeles, California
• Oakland, California
• Olympia, Washington
• Portland, Oregon
Cities that Did Not Declare an Emergency

- Madison, Wisconsin
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Seattle, Washington
- Eugene, Oregon
Discussion on Emergency Declarations in Denver (Colorado)
Overview of Approaches in Other Cities
San Diego, California
Los Angeles, California
Compassionate Communities Pilot (2016-17)
Oakland, California
Oakland, California
Olympia, Washington
Madison, Wisconsin
Kansas City, Missouri
Seattle Materials

Seattle City Permitted Villages:
• https://www.seattle.gov/homelessness/city-permitted-villages

Report on First Three Permitted Encampments in Seattle:
Seattle, Washington
Eugene, Oregon
Other Cities

• Detroit, Michigan
• Austin, Texas
• Ithaca, New York
Detroit, Michigan
Austin, Texas (Cont.)
Ithaca, New York
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