

Homeless Resource Center Text Amendment Fact Sheet

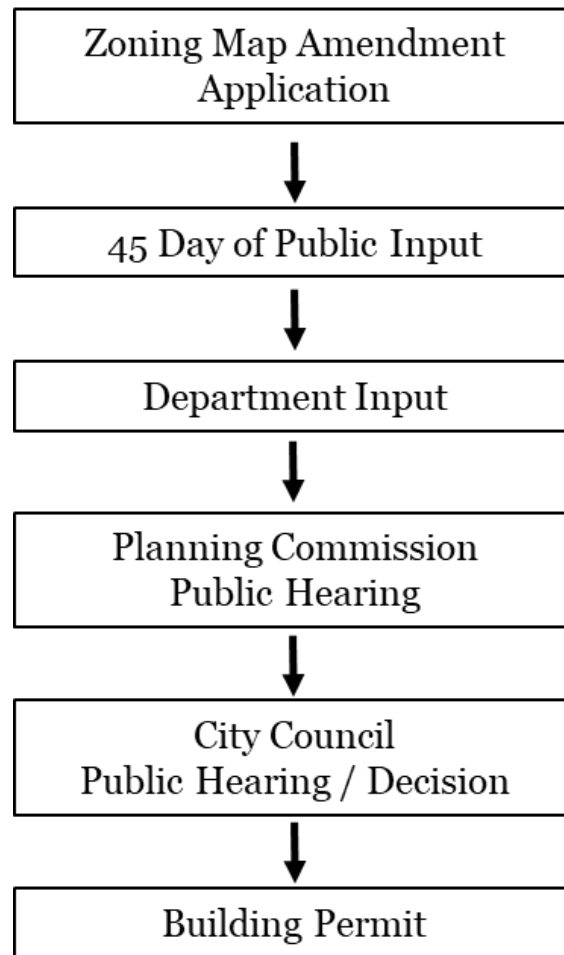
- **Why does the City believe these changes were necessary? Are they an improvement over the previous ordinance?**
 - These changes would allow the City to evaluate various factors when considering a location for an HRC or shelter. Those factors include impacts to safety, immediate neighborhoods (residents and businesses), and City services.
 - The additional evaluation is in response to impacts other HRC locations have had on the community, as well as feedback the Council has received from residents, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness. The previous process did not take as many factors into consideration as what is being proposed.
 - Additionally, the proposed process allows potential HRC in more zones around the city which could discourage the clustering of HRCs in a single area of the city.

- **What changes to the ordinance has the Council made?**
 - Added requirement to report back to the Council after the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review.
 - Included a requirement to report on the effectiveness of CPTED and the Security and Operations Plan.
 - The Council will hold a public hearing within 90 days of receiving the proposal and will consider voting within a reasonable timeline after the public hearing.

- **Does this change where HRCs are allowed?**
 - Yes. Prior to the Council approving a temporary hold on allowing new homeless shelters in the city in 2022, shelters were only allowed in General Commercial (CG), Downtown Support District (D2), and Downtown Warehouse/Residential District (D3). Under this new process, HRCs/Shelters would be allowed in all zones except for the Light Manufacturing (M1) and Heavy Manufacturing (M2) zones.
 - The city would review several factors regarding a potential HRC/Shelter site for decision-makers to consider. The comprehensive analysis will ensure potential community impacts are considered during planning stages.

- **How will future Homeless Resource Centers (HRCs) be permitted?**
 - The proposed process for permanent shelters would require a zoning map amendment and compliance with HRC standards including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).
 - This process would also apply to any facility with up to 200 beds – the city-designated maximum size for an HRC.

Proposed Overlay Zone Process



- **What did the Council do with the Planning Commission Recommendations?**
 - The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council with two additional recommendations:
 - Homeless Resource Centers with up to 40 beds should be approved through the conditional use process in any zoning district with residential uses.
 - The City Council expedite the review and decision of a requested HRC Overlay within 90 days of the Planning Commission recommendation.
 - During its March 21, 2023, briefing the Council directed staff to remove the 40-bed recommendation from the final ordinance.
 - Instead of expediting the review, the Council supported requiring a public hearing to be held within 90 days of receiving the transmittal. And consider voting within a reasonable timeline after the public hearing.

- **Is the City required to allow firearms to be stored in an HRC?**

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- Per state law, a city may prohibit firearms from a city owned/operated HRC, but if they are prohibited, the facility must provide secure storage for them.
 - 53-5a-103.5. Firearm regulation in homeless shelters:
https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53/Chapter5A/53-5a-S103.5.html?v=C53-5a-S103.5_2022050420220504
- **To understand the impact HRCs may have on the surrounding neighborhoods, the Council indicated a desire for additional data to be collected in areas near HRCs.**
 - As part of the potential adoption of the changes, the Council is considering adopting a legislative intent to develop key metrics with the collaboration of stakeholders, including State and County officials and service providers.
 - These metrics would help measure the success of HRCs in assisting individuals experiencing homelessness and their communities. Collaborative efforts would help equip service providers with resources that facilitate data collection.
 - The data captured would be instrumental in informing funding decisions and could guide allocation of resources towards effective homelessness programs.
- **Are the annual reports submitted to the City available to the public?**
 - The draft ordinance requires all reports to be posted on the City's website. HRC annual reports are available to the public at www.slc.gov/planning/reports/hrca-reports/
- **What does the Security and Operations Plan require?**
 - A community relations and complaint response program to maintain a clean and orderly premises, minimize potential conflicts with neighboring properties and businesses, and prohibit unlawful behavior by HRC occupants.
 - The plan also requires a representative to meet with neighbors upon request, a 24-hour complaint line, quarterly meetings with a community coordinating group, on-site security, noise level maintenance, designated smoking areas, and visible signage prohibiting firearms on the premises.
- **What are HRCs required to report?**
 - A list of individuals who have participated in the community coordinating group meetings,
 - A summary of each community coordinating group meeting,
 - A summary of complaints received by the operator of the HRC
 - An explanation of how complaints have been addressed.
 - A review and analysis of the CPTED controls on site and the security and operations plan identifying any deficiencies.