

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Health, Environment & Community Engagement  
**Date:** 5/16/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** Health Department  
**Lead Staff:** Daniel Huff, Director Environmental Health, Ryan Krick, Supervisor Food, Lodging and Pools  
**Presented by:** Ryan Krick  
**File Type:** Ordinance  
**Subcategory:** Code Amendment

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**Subject:**

Amending Title 11 by adding a new Chapter 236 relating to Emergency Shelters

**Description:**

Passage of ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 236 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation, adding provisions for licensure and regulation of emergency shelters.

**Previous Actions:**

[15-01268](#) - Jan. 9, 2016: Ordinance introduced and referred to HECE Committee. Feb. 1, 2016: HECE set public hearing for March 21, 2016.

[15-01268](#) – March 21, 2016: Continuing the public hearing to May 16, 2016, to consider an ordinance amending Title 11 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation, adding a new Chapter 236, Emergency Shelters, adding provisions providing for the licensure and regulation of emergency shelters.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

Emergency shelters are smaller facilities but allow for a longer stay than overnight shelters, with a maximum stay of 30 days. They are a conditional use in all zoning districts except the IL Industrial Living Overlay District. Their maximum occupancy is determined by their zoning district. The Minneapolis Zoning Code was amended to allow for Emergency Shelters on December 16, 2015.

This proposed code amendment allows for the licensure and inspection of Emergency Shelters.

Under this provision all properties are required to meet fire, egress, and accessibility standards as set forth in the State Building Code, [Minn. Rules, Chapter 1305](#) and [Minn. Rules, Chapter 1311](#). This includes single-family homes and other small properties that in absence of this use, would not have met these requirements.

**Financial Review:**

**Select financial statement.**

**Future budget impact anticipated.**

Although few facilities are expected to be licensed, there may be a slight fiscal impact in increased license revenue and added inspection workload.

**Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**

**Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Ordinance