



To: City Council
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TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Specialized Housing

Requested Action:

Provide feedback and guidance on potential amendments regarding specialized housing to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

Key Points:

The proposed amendments to the municipal code are to give the City some control over any proposals for Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Emergency Shelters, Emergency Housing, Outdoor Encampments, Vehicle Resident Safe Parking, Temporary Small Homes, and Affordable Housing.

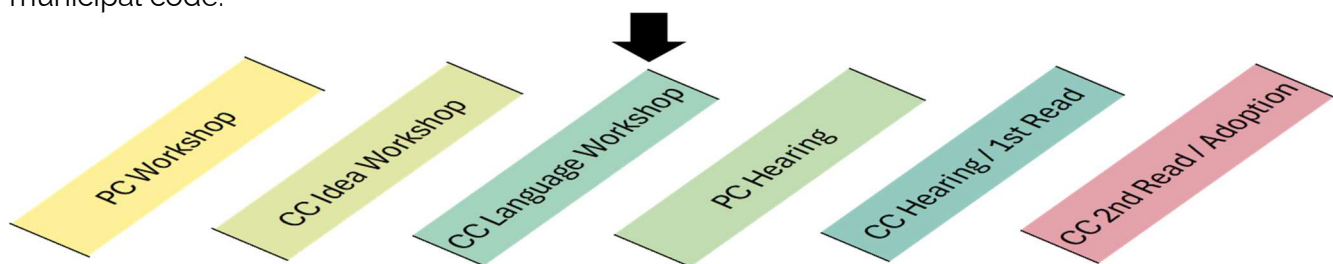
These proposed regulations are limited by House Bills 1220, 1956, and 1377. Further restrictions were adopted this year by ESHB 2266.

The City's legal counsel has reviewed and edited the proposed amendments to ensure that state statutes are being met and that the regulations are defensible.

All of these State mandates are the legislature's response to an acute shortage of affordable housing, resulting in housing insecurity and a growing number of people experiencing homelessness.

Background Discussion:

This language workshop is step three in the 6-meeting process of adopting amendments to the municipal code.



Public Involvement:

A public hearing will be held with both the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, language will be provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 28, 2026. At that meeting, the Planning Commission will be expected to make a recommendation to the City Council. A public hearing and first read for the ordinance is scheduled for the June 16, 2026 City Council meeting.