

From: Mary Jane Melink
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To: David Campbell
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Subject: Fwd: other questions and concerns about the proposed shelter ordinance

Questions to expect this evening.

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Date: July 6, 2016 at 3:48:00 PM PDT
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Subject: other questions and concerns about the proposed shelter ordinance

Hi Mary Jane.

I've been talking to colleagues about the proposed ordinance and I have a couple of other questions.

What % of the total land in Longview meets this siting regulation?

What % of the allowed zoning areas is actually available for siting a shelter given the impact of the buffer zones?

Where are the allowed sites in relation to transportation, employment services, and other essential services?

A shelter is defined as restricting stays to 90 days. If this definition is used, how will the City know if people are staying there 90 days or longer? What is the City's ability to track and enforce this requirement?

The proposed regulation doesn't define homelessness. Which definition is being used? There are different definitions from Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and HUD. This is not specified in the document.

There are other uses that require a special use permit such as marijuana and sex shops. Do these special uses require a management plan? What criteria will be used to evaluate management plans to determine whether they are acceptable?

There is a buffer from schools and parks. If there were a plan to develop a homeless youth shelter wouldn't you want it near schools?

I am also concerned about potential Fair Housing violations. It's been demonstrated that a disproportionate number of homeless people are people of color and people with disabilities. It seems

there could be a case for discrimination because of the limited availability of allowable sites for shelter and services.

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WE'VE CHANGED OUR NAME!

Effective May 17, 2016, the Longview Housing Authority is now doing business as **Housing Opportunities of SW Washington** (HOSWWA). Our website address has been changed from www.longviewha.org to www.hoswwa.org. Email addresses are now first name.last name@hoswwa.org. Please make this change in your address book as our old email addresses will no longer be used and will be phased out over time.

Created by the City of Longview in 1976, Housing Opportunities provides affordable housing and supportive services to approximately 1600 individuals and families in areas including Cowlitz County (excluding the zip code of Kelso and Kalama), Wahkiakum, Pacific and Lewis counties. The new name reflects the broad jurisdiction and growing list of programs and services provided by the agency and should reduce confusion in communities served outside of the boundaries of the City of Longview.