

Unhoused Solutions: Emergency, Low Barrier Shelter

Temporary and Long Term
Pallet Shelter Ordinance - 220201

Priority:

Emergency,
Low Barrier,
24-7 Shelter

- Will serve chronically homeless residents
- None of existing shelter providers offer low barrier shelter
 - This gap causes the highest visibility concerns for the most vulnerable residents
 - Our data demonstrates the chronically homeless make up 15% of our homeless population

Site Selection for Emergency, Low Barrier Shelter

- **At Present: Open to locations suggested by the Council**
- Alternately:
 - General Services suggested several city owned properties
 - Research and site visits by General Services, Housing, and City Manager staff
- Most Viable of those visited: 4400 Raytown Road
 - Building on site – needs stabilization
 - Site isolated and set back from the road
 - Open land around the site

Pending Site Approval: First Steps

Short Term **Emergency Low Barrier Shelter**

- Stabilize and/or demolish any structures on site, depending on cost estimates of both
- Construct temporary “quickbuild” Emergency Shelter community onsite, inclusive of:
 - 24/7 security
 - Temporary office space for intake
 - Portable bathrooms/shower facility
- Collaborate with ATA and/or alternate transportation options

Pending Site Approval: Finished Product

Long Term **Emergency Low Barrier Shelter**

- Construct a fully functional, emergency, low barrier shelter
- Decommission encampments according to policy, which will:
 - Decrease clean up costs
 - Decrease trafficking and other criminal behavior inside encampments
 - Increase residents satisfaction with KC Park system
- Pivot to adding services and support for non-chronically homeless residents, such as:
 - Rent Relief, Affordable Housing construction, workforce development