

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-408**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ALTOS TO ALLOW EMERGENCY SHELTERS**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 2 (2007) requires cities to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use as codified in Government Code Section 65583; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance implements Program 3.2.1 of the City's 2009-2014 and 2015-2023 Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is in the best interest for the protection or promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity, or welfare and is conformance with the adopted General Plan of the City since it implements Housing Element Program 3.2.1; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE:** Adding the definition of emergency shelters to Chapter 14.02.070 of the Code:

“Emergency shelter” means housing with minimal supportive services for homeless persons in accordance with Health and Safety Code 50801 that is limited to occupancy of six months or less by a homeless person. No individual or household may be denied emergency shelter because of an inability to pay;

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE:** Adding emergency shelters as a permitted use to in the CT District to Chapter 14.50.030 of the Code:

The following uses shall be permitted in the CT District:

- A. Professional and office-administrative services;
- B. Restaurants, excluding drive-through facilities;
- C. Retail and personal services;
- D. Emergency shelters; and
- E. Uses which are determined by the city planner to be of the same general character.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE:** Adding parking requirements for emergency shelters for residential uses in the CT District to Chapter 14.74.080 of the Code:

D. For emergency shelters the following off-street parking shall be provided: 0.25 parking spaces per bed, 0.2 bike spaces per bed, one parking space per family room, and one parking space per employee on duty.

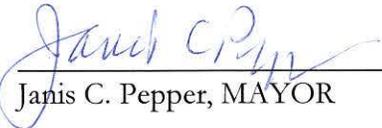
**SECTION 4. CONSTITUTIONALITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on May 26, 2015 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on June 9, 2015 passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: BRUINS, MORDO, PEPPER, PROCHNOW, SATTERLEE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

  
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Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:

  
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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

