

## Temporary Homeless Sheltering Permit

310.1 Residential Group R states “Residential Group R includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for sleeping purposes when not classified as an Institutional Group I or when not regulated by the *International Residential Code*.

3103.1.1 Conformance. Temporary structures and uses shall conform to the structural strength, fire safety, *means of egress*, accessibility, light, ventilation and sanitary requirements of this code as necessary to ensure public health, safety and general welfare.

903.2.8 NFPA 13 fire sprinklers are necessary to ensure public health and safety. Other requirements for smoke alarms, CO detection, level of exiting, and fire watch are also necessary.

In order to allow for the immediate need for sheltering in the short term, and to allow sheltering facilities to meet the requirements of the fire and building codes, West Metro Fire Rescue would be willing to accept sheltering in non-sprinklered A and E type structures for no more than the next 18 months as long as the following criteria are met:

- An annual permit is obtained through West Metro Fire Rescue and kept on site
- The shelter will operate between the hours of 6:00pm and 7:00am only
- A maximum 45 people will be housed at any time
- A minimum of two trained staff members will be awake and on site at all times
- Staff will be trained in emergency procedures and have access to a cell phone
- Cots, mats, or tents will be arranged according to the submitted and approved plan
- All exits and aisles will be maintained and kept clear of obstructions
- An emergency evacuation plan detailing contact information, egress routes, and accountability measures will be kept on site and reviewed with all staff members
- The building will have an approved marking device displayed prominently while the structure is being occupied as a shelter
- Provisions shall be made to ensure the presence of smoke and CO alarms

Failure at any time to meet the conditions of the permit will be cause to issue a fire code violation and will prohibit any further use of that building for sheltering purposes. After March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2020, no sheltering will be allowed in non-sprinklered buildings. Further requirements will be determined at that time.