



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
MAYOR DAVE BRONSON

Executive Summary



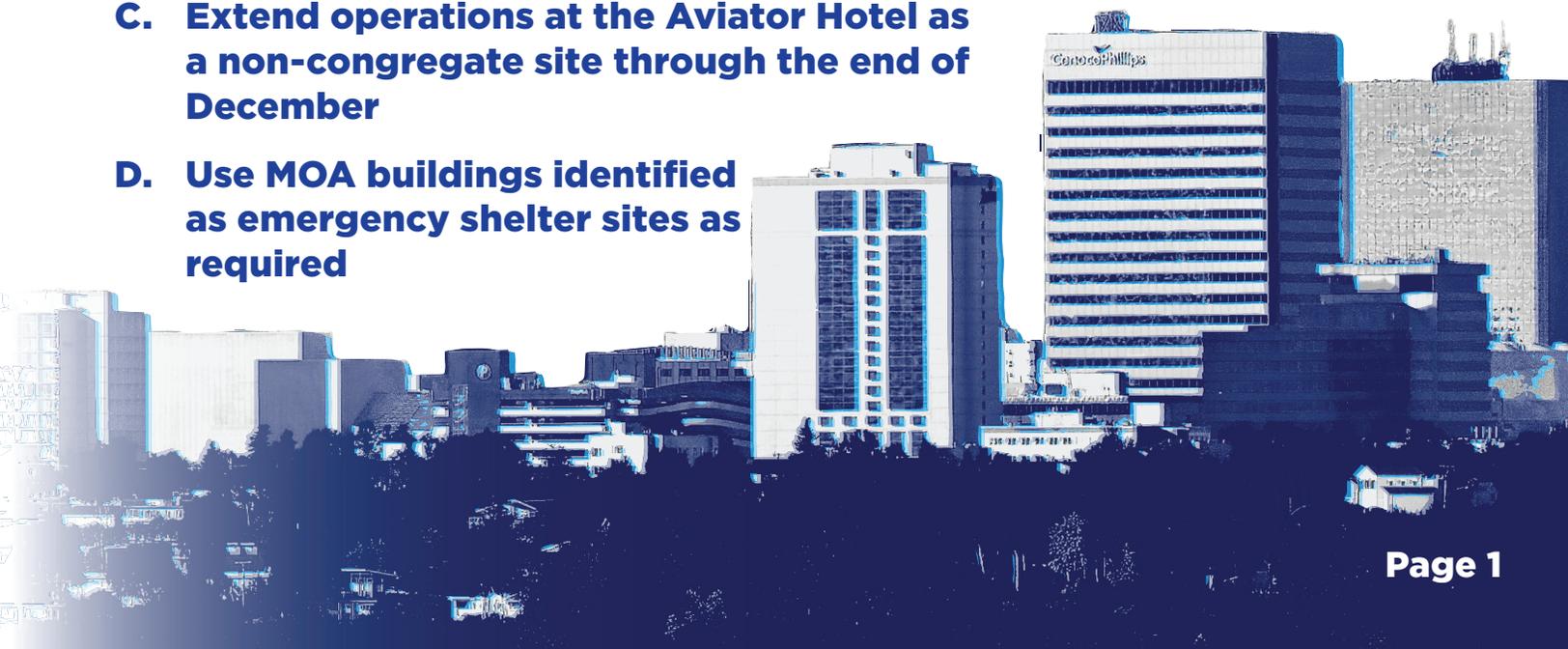
of Emergency Sheltering Options

Under Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 16.120, the Municipality is required to create and publish an emergency shelter plan for homeless individuals. As such, this document is intended to outline the planks of the Administration's plan for the 2022-23 winter. The MOA is committed to providing safe shelter for those experiencing homelessness in our community. This plan is intended to instill hope and provide support to individuals experiencing homelessness for their long-term success through empowerment, community engagement and teamwork. These proposed emergency shelter options will play a critical role in ensuring no one sleeps out in the cold on our streets this winter.

The Municipality has developed a four-prong approach to emergency sheltering this winter. Options A-C will be activated in October, pending assembly approval. Option D will be used as an emergency option if option A is not approved. This framework aims to drive collaboration between the Municipality, key stakeholders, and people in the homelessness response sectors such as emergency management and public health authorities, who play an important role in the winter sheltering response.

The MOA's emergency sheltering plan is a four-prong plan:

- A. Use portable self-contained buildings as cold-weather shelters at selected site(s)**
- B. Develop a program to provide MOA micro-grants to organizations and providers throughout Anchorage who elect to become emergency shelter sites**
- C. Extend operations at the Aviator Hotel as a non-congregate site through the end of December**
- D. Use MOA buildings identified as emergency shelter sites as required**



A ■ Portable Self-Contained ■ Building Shelters

The first plank of the emergency shelter plan relies on using up to 20 portable self-contained buildings provided to the Municipality free of charge, by a community partner. The MOA has begun discussion to use these buildings as emergency shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness this winter.



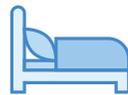
The administration is proposing a necessary code change to allow for the proper use of these buildings. This ordinance will be introduced at the 9/13 assembly meeting. The Administration is committed to working with the Assembly in an expeditious manner. Each portable self-contained building is roughly 900-1000 square feet and has the potential to house 10-12 individuals. The location of the site(s) where these buildings will be placed will be announced at a future time.



B: Microgrants



The second plank of this plan is to activate a network of providers and non-profit organizations throughout our city. The MOA will provide microgrants for providers and community organizations that wish to house individuals experiencing homelessness on a per person, per night basis. The Municipality has never offered microgrants for housing people experiencing homelessness. We believe this approach will allow for community groups to be supported for their efforts. An application period will take place to receive these microgrant and all facilities will need to comply with AMC 16.120.



Estimated 50-80 Beds

C: Aviator Extension and Navigation Center

The third plank of the emergency shelter plan includes the administration's proposal to extend operations at the Aviator Hotel to house homeless individuals through the end of 2022, with an option to extend through April, 2023. The Aviator has served as a non-congregate shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic, housing roughly 200 individuals experiencing homelessness. Additional funding will be required to provide these rooms. The Administration will work with the Assembly to identify a funding source for extending these housing options.

The MOA funded Navigation Center is expected to come online soon, bringing with it 150 beds, with the potential to surge up to 200 beds. This purpose built facility will play a key role in connecting individuals to services, treatment, job training, and permanent housing.



150 + 50 surge



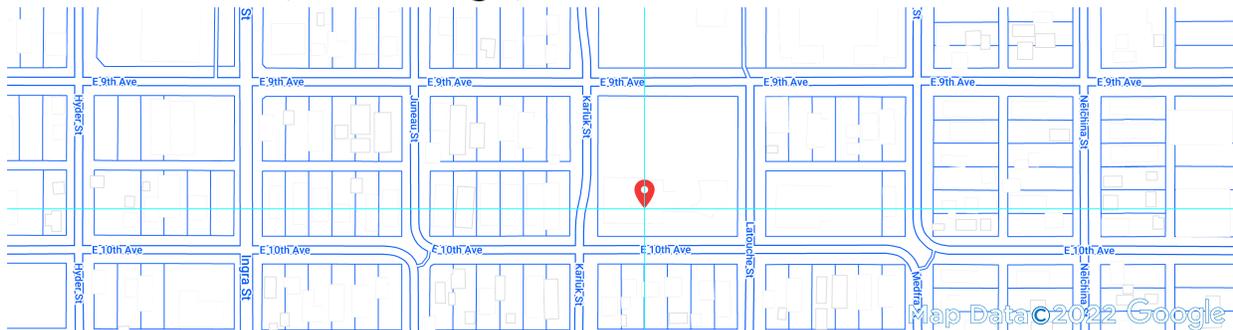
225 Rooms

D ■ MOA Emergency ■ Sheltering Sites

The Municipality has identified the following MOA properties to be used as emergency shelters throughout the winter. These facilities will be operated by private partners who are selected through an official Intent to Bid application process. The MOA intends to focus on portable self-contained buildings as the primary sheltering plan.

1. Fairview Recreation Center (Single Adults)

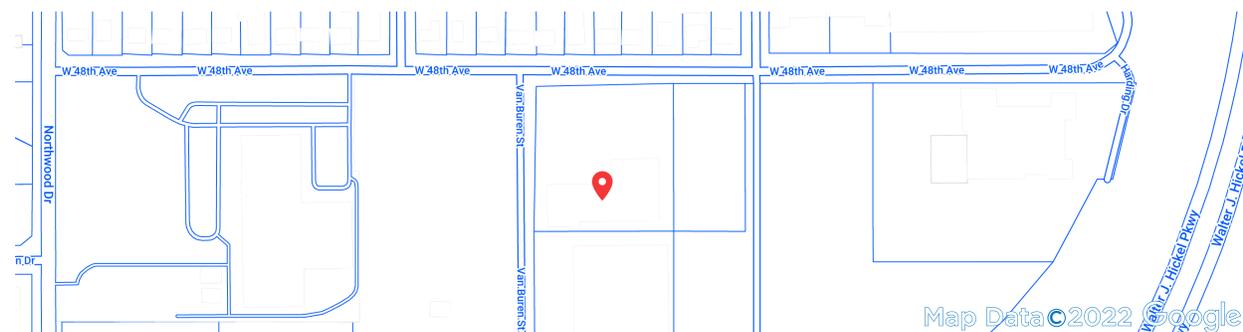
1121 E 10th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501



Capacity for Fairview Recreation Center: 100 + 50 surge

2. Spenard Recreation Center (Women and Children)

2020 W 48th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517



Capacity for Spenard Recreation Center: 100 + 50 surge

The MOA has selected these buildings as it already owns them, and will be able to quickly convert them into emergency shelters.

Fairview Recreation Center will house up to 100 individuals, with a priority given to single adult males.

The Spenard Recreation Center will house up to 100 individuals, with an emphasis on women and children. Additional MOA buildings may be identified if shelter capacity becomes maxed out and will be opened on an as-needed basis. The MOA expects to publish one Intent to Bid (ITB) in early September for operation of these two facilities as emergency shelters through the winter.