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Amending AMC 16.120 - Emergency Shelter Plan for Homeless Persons



Presenters

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Background

- Extreme winter conditions in December 2025 demonstrated an increased need for shelter capacity
- The MOA now provides year-round shelter and continues to reduce barriers to shelter
- After Emergency Special Meeting on December 12, 2025, Assembly members recommended the review of AMC 16.120

Proposed Changes

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- Updating language throughout code to address the plan for shelter as an “emergency plan for shelter for homeless persons” to clarify that ‘emergency’ modifies ‘plan’ rather than ‘shelter’
- Updating the circumstances in which emergency shelter is activated and deactivated

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- Updating capacity from 150 to 200 clients at a single location
- Updating the term “database” to “list”
- Repealing 16.120.040 Section C

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- Reduce barriers
- Align code with current practices
- Maintain the health and safety of homeless persons

Questions?



Thank you!



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