

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ASPECTS OF THE EMERGENCY SHELTER PLAN ADOPTED IN AR 2022-293, AS AMENDED, AND APPROVING A CAPACITY OF 200 CLIENTS AT THE SULLIVAN ARENA WHEN IT IS USED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.120.

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 16.120, Emergency Shelter Plan for Homeless Persons, provides for the activation and deactivation of emergency shelter under certain weather conditions which occur annually in Anchorage, during a mayoral declaration of civil emergency, or when the Anchorage Health Department Director finds that a lack of available shelter options otherwise poses a danger to the life and health of unsheltered people within the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, in AR 2022-293, as amended, the Assembly authorized five facilities to be mobilized as emergency shelter locations when the Emergency Shelter Plan is activated; and

WHEREAS, to ensure timely availability of adequate shelter capacity, the Assembly hereby amends and re-adopts the Emergency Shelter Plan to include a sixth location, the Alex Hotel; and

WHEREAS, AMC subsection 16.120.020D. provides that "Emergency shelter locations activated ... shall be for no more than 150 clients in a single location *without assembly approval*" (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, the Assembly's Plan for Emergency Cold Weather Sheltering for the remainder of 2022, adopted with passage of AR 2022-293, As Amended, anticipated no more than 150 clients served by use of the Sullivan Arena as an Emergency Shelter, but since then it has become clear there is a need to find shelter for approximately 40 more clients; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly does not wish to return the Sullivan arena to its census levels during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, however it is necessary to approve its emergency shelter use to exceed 150 clients; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly believes the number of clients served at the Sullivan Arena should remain below 200 during this season's cold weather; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The following facilities will be mobilized as emergency shelter locations or housing resources as soon as the Acting Health Director activates the Emergency Shelter Plan under the conditions contained in Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 16.120.020A.:

Facility	Number to be Sheltered/Housing Units	Operator
Brother Francis	Additional 20	Catholic Social Services
Beans Café (in Midtown)	40	Beans Café
Covenant House	Additional 25	Covenant House
Golden Lion	85 units	Henning, Inc.
Sullivan Arena	200	Henning, Inc.
Alex Hotel	50 units	Vendor TBD

The Acting Health Department Director is requested and directed to designate the above facilities as emergency shelters under AMC section 16.120.040 with appropriate conditions to accommodate these intended uses.

Section 2. The Assembly hereby approves the census of the Sullivan Arena to be up to 200 clients when it is activated as an emergency shelter, and at such times that all other cold weather sheltering location options approved under AR 2022-293, As Amended, are exhausted. This approval shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2022.

Section 3. As accommodations become available at other emergency sheltering or appropriate housing facilities, best efforts shall be utilized to reduce and maintain the Sullivan Arena census at or below 150 clients.

Section 4. The Clerk is directed to attach a copy of this Resolution, as approved, to AR 2022-293, As Amended.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk