

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require, on a temporary basis, the Mayor, prior to closing of Franklin Shelter, to certify to the Council that no fewer than 300 men have been placed in supportive-housing units, and to require the Mayor to submit the certification to the Council along with a report on any proposed closing of the Franklin Shelter that includes a description of the current capacity, current availability, and location of replacement shelter space, and the ability to seasonally increase capacity to reduce incidences of hypothermia among the homeless population prior to closing the Franklin Shelter.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Franklin Shelter Closing Requirements Temporary Act of 2008".

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "Low barrier shelter" means an overnight housing accommodation for individuals who are homeless, provided directly by, or through contract with or grant from, the District, for the purpose of providing shelter to individuals without imposition of identification, time limits, or other program requirements.

(2) "Supportive-housing unit" means housing provided in connection with voluntary services designed primarily to help tenants maintain housing, including coordination or case management, physical and mental health, substance use management and recovery support, job training, literacy and education, youth and children's programs, and money management.

Sec. 3. (a) Prior to the closing of the Franklin Shelter, located at 925 13th Street, N.W., the Mayor shall certify to the Council that no fewer than 300 men have been placed in supportive-housing units and submit the certification to the Council along with a report on the proposed Franklin Shelter closing that includes:

(1) A description of the supportive-housing placements, including:

(A) For each client who has been placed in a supportive-housing unit

since August 1, 2008, the:

- (i) Client's name and supportive-housing address;
- (ii) Date the client was placed in the unit;
- (iii) Name and address of the shelter from which the client

relocated; and

- (iv) Supportive services being provided to complement housing;

(B) The percentage of a shelter's clients that were placed in supportive-housing units;

(2) A description of the current capacity, current availability, and location of replacement-shelter space;

(3) The number of men using low barrier shelters each month during the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year;

(4) Analysis of the impact, if any, that closing the Franklin Shelter may have on the homeless population, including any risk of increased cases of hypothermia during winter months resulting from any reduced capacity in the emergency shelter system;

(5) Any expected increase or decrease in the need for low barrier shelter space generally and, specifically, during the winter months, when the temperature is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit; and

(6) A description of the ability to seasonally increase capacity to reduce incidences of hypothermia among the homeless population.

(b) Except as provided for in subsection (a) of this section, the Mayor shall continue to operate the Franklin Shelter as a 300-person low barrier shelter.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D. C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved

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December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia