



## MEMO

**TO: Theresa Sanders, City Administrator**

**FROM: Kelly Keenan**

**DATE: January 16, 2019**

**RE: Certification of Requirements of Ordinance C35708**

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Please accept this information as certification that the requirements of Ordinance C35708 have been met.

The Ordinance reads:

**Section 1: That consistent with current police practices, enforcement of section 10.10.026 of the Spokane Municipal Code is suspended until such time as the City's CHHS Department Certifies to the City Council that low barrier shelter space for two hundred (200) additional people beyond those currently sheltered has been practically available for thirty (30) continuous days. (The Ordinance was signed on November 19<sup>th</sup>)**

Effective January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there was advertised low barrier shelter space for 205 persons beyond those who were sheltered on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, through the following Warning Center locations:

- Open Doors Shelter - additional capacity for 30 people in households with minor children, staffed by Family Promise (available beginning November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
- 527 South Cannon - capacity for 40 adults, staffed by the Guardians Foundation (capacity became available December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018)
- Salem Lutheran Church - capacity for 60 adults, staffed by the Guardians Foundation (capacity became available December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
- Westminster Church - capacity for 25, targeted to young adults age 18-24, staffed by the Guardians Foundation (capacity became available December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018)
- 213 E. Ermina - capacity for 50 adults, staffed by The Salvation Army (capacity became available January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

Effective January 16<sup>th</sup>, advertised capacity at the Ermina site will increase to 120, bringing the total additional low barrier shelter capacity added through the 2018-19 Warming Centers program to 275.

CHHS staff briefed City Council on this additional capacity availability and utilization at the Public Safety and Community Health Committee meeting on 1/7/19 (see briefing paper attached). Grant and lease agreements associated with the partner agencies and sites that constitute the Warming Centers network are available upon request.

Please note that the 275 person capacity created through the 2018-19 Warming Centers program is in addition to the approximately 850 person shelter capacity that exists across the Spokane City/County Continuum of Care. In addition to that shelter capacity, the Continuum includes approximately 281 transitional housing beds, 808 permanent supportive housing beds, and 358 rapid re-housing slots. City staff continue to work daily with partners across the Continuum of Care to develop compassionate, low-barrier services that are focused on helping community members exit the circumstance of homelessness as quickly as possible.

*Footnote: On several nights prior to opening the Westminster and 213 E. Ermina Warming Center sites, our contracted Warming Center operators served higher numbers than advertised capacity at the 527 South Cannon and Salem Lutheran sites, and never turned clients away for capacity reasons.*