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To: Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

Please adopt the Shelter to Housing Continuum with the amendments that were considered on March 24th. These will help get more people into shelters, and into housing, in the middle of a crisis.

These **new amendments** include:

Retain Council authority to site temporary shelters anywhere during a declared emergency.

Direct bureaus to inventory surplus property that can be used for shelters.

Reduce the site size standard for outdoor shelters.

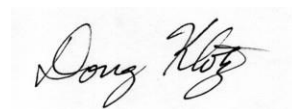
Allow shelters without Conditional Use process on institutional sites in Single-family zones

As well as **re-authorize the State of Housing Emergency**, and plan a future discussion of RVs and Tiny Houses on Wheels/.

The RV/THOW discussion will hopefully allow such vehicles to use pumping services or composting toilets in lieu of an expensive sewer connection. I would also note that the BES employee who talked about the relative cost of a sewer hookup seemed to think such work could be easy, if the RV/THOW was between the street and the house. However, if a vehicle is sited (as is usually the case), in the back yard, this will rarely be so easy. Sewer lines usually go from the street, straight into the basement of the house. To hook up, a "Y" would be installed in the front yard, and the pipe would then have to run around the house, alongside it, and into the back yard, to serve the vehicle. Such long runs, have, I hear, generated estimates beyond \$10,000. Such trenches have to be deep to maintain correct slope and access the main.

I look forward to the Shelter to Housing proposal as well as the above amendments being adopted on March 31, so we can proceed to improve the lot of those who are now forced into homelessness in our city.

Thank you.



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