



**City of Seattle**  
Mayor Edward B. Murray

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**CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER**

**PERMITTING TEMPORARY NIGHT SHELTER AT 1117 NORTHEAST BOAT STREET, SEATTLE**

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2015, in my capacity as Mayor, I issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency to address the homelessness crisis in the City of Seattle; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts stated in that Proclamation continue to exist and I am basing this Civil Emergency Order on the information and recitals contained in that Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2016, the One Night Count identified the number of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Seattle as 2,942; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1920, Compass Housing Alliance has been a provider of essential services to individuals experiencing homelessness and presently provides such services and affordable housing at 23 locations; and

**WHEREAS**, each night Operation Nightwatch feeds unsheltered individuals and refers them to vacant shelter beds at shelter programs throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Compass Housing Alliance has operated a shelter for Operation Nightwatch for 10 years serving up to 75 men each night; and

**WHEREAS**, this men's night shelter must be located at a temporary location while a new long-term location is prepared to avoid the loss of important shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, a City-owned vacant building suitable for the men's night shelter at 1117 Northeast Boat Street is available through August 2017 while planning and design are completed for a park to be located on the site as part of mitigation for State Route 520 reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City released Pathways Home, a plan to transform our homeless service delivery system to a system that is person-centered, invests in what works, and addresses racial disparities so that homelessness is a rare, brief, and one-time experience for individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing Pathways Home is complex and will take time, and we must better address the immediate needs of people who are living unsheltered in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, to begin immediately addressing the needs of people living outside, I have proposed Bridging the Gap to Pathways Home, an Interim Action Plan that will better meet these urgent needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the decisions to declare a civil emergency and to seek civil emergency orders are not taken lightly but are, I believe, extraordinary measures that are necessary to protect the public welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, this civil emergency necessitates the utilization of certain emergency powers granted to the Mayor pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code, Chapter 10.02 and RCW Chapter 38.52; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of this Civil Emergency Order are designed to provide the least necessary restriction on the rights of the public; and

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE HONORABLE EDWARD B. MURRAY, THAT:**

I, **EDWARD B. MURRAY**, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SEATTLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 10.02.020, 10.02.025, AND 10.02.030, AND MY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2015 HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

### **SECTION 1**

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections is directed to issue an overnight shelter permit for 1117 Northeast Boat Street in accordance with applicable building codes and life safety requirements.

### **SECTION 2**

All mayoral proclamations and orders presently in effect shall remain in full force and effect except that, insofar as any provision of any such prior proclamation is inconsistent with any provision of this Order, then the provision of this Order shall control.

### **SECTION 3**

A copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be delivered to the Governor of the State of Washington and to the County Executive of King County. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public. To give the widest dissemination of this Civil Emergency Order to the public, as many other available means as may be practical shall be used, including but not limited to posting on public facilities and public address systems as set forth in SMC 10.02.100.

**SECTION 4**

This Civil Emergency Order shall immediately or as soon as practical be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification or rejection, and if rejected this Civil Emergency Order shall be void; however, any such rejection or modification shall not affect any actions previously taken. As set forth in SMC 10.02.020(O), if the City Council rejects this Civil Emergency Order, such rejection shall not affect the City's responsibility for any actions taken prior to the rejection of this Civil Emergency Order, including the City's responsibility for the actual costs incurred by those who were ordered by or entered into contracts with the City.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, at 12:19 am/pm.



EDWARD B. MURRAY  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE