

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Mother Brown's Memorial Emergency Shelter Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to create the Mother Brown's Memorial Emergency Shelter Special Use District for the property located at Assessor's Block No. 4828, Lot No. 021, known as 2111-2115 Jennings Street, to allow for an emergency shelter; amending the Zoning Map, Section Map, to add the Special Use District; and adopting findings, including environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

There is currently no Special Use District at the property located at Assessor's Block No. 4828, Lot No. 021, known as 2111 – 2115 Jennings Street (the "site"). Emergency Shelter use is not permitted under the Planning Code at the site.

Amendments to Current Law

The current legislation will create a Special Use District at the site that will allow with a conditional use permit an Emergency Shelter use, as defined by State law, of up to 100 beds. The Special Use district will also allow associated congregate meals and social services.

Background Information

The purpose of the Special Use District is to allow a project that will include an Emergency Shelter use. The 2013 Point-in-Time Homeless Count included 6,436 individuals, with 59% (3,586) unsheltered. Thirty percent (30%) of unsheltered homeless individuals live in District 10, second only to District 6. There are no permanent homeless shelters serving District 10 and homeless individuals must travel to other locations for shelter and services or access emergency shelter through Providence Foundation, and/or services at the existing homeless Resource Center run by Mother Brown's. Vacancy rates in existing permanent shelters are less than 5%.