

## ORDINANCE NO. 660

### *An Ordinance to Amend Cambridge City Code Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.007 Definitions and Section 156.092 Overnight Shelters in Places of Worship*

*This ordinance is to amend the definition of Place of Worship and to provide additional regulations for Places of Worship.*

**THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN** that Section 156.007 and Section 156.092 are hereby amended as follows:

#### **§ 156.007 DEFINITIONS.**

***Place Of Worship.*** ~~A building or structure, or groups of buildings and structures, that by design and construction are primarily intended for conducting organized religious services and associated accessory uses~~ Any building used for non-profit purposes by an established religious organization holding either tax exempt status under Section 501 (c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or under the state property tax law, where such building is primarily intended to be used as a place of worship, which may include overnight shelters as regulated herein.

#### **§ 156.092 ~~OVERNIGHT SHELTERS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP.~~**

(1) Places of Worship shall be considered a commercial use for the purposes of exterior materials allowed and must adhere to the commercial exterior materials as provided in Section 156.088.

(2) Signage provided for a place of worship must adhere to the specific zoning district sign regulations in which the place of worship is located.

(3) Lot Coverage and impervious surface coverage must adhere to the specific zoning district in which the place of worship is located.

(4) Height of the structures must conform to the specific zoning district in which the place of worship is located. Steeples may exceed the height limitation and will be reviewed by the city's Zoning Administrator and Building Official to determine acceptability. The Planning Commission and City Council may review and make a determination if the height is not determined acceptable by the Zoning Administrator and Building Official.

(4) Accessory structures/uses are allowed for places of worship. Lot coverage, impervious surface coverage, exterior materials, height, and any other building code and/or zoning codes must be met. The number of structures is not necessarily limited but will be determined by lot coverage and/or impervious surface coverage.

~~(2- 5)~~ Temporary overnight shelters may be allowed in places of worship as an accessory use provided the following conditions are met:

**(A)** No more than six families, with a maximum of 24 persons, may be housed at any one time.

**(B)** Any given place of worship shall be able to provide shelter for families with children experiencing homelessness for up to eight weeks a year. These weeks may run consecutive for up to four weeks.

**(C)** The shelter shall operate only between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. daily.

**(D)** Shelter guests shall be provided with an enclosed waiting area one hour prior to opening evening.

**(E)** Shelters shall meet state building codes and fire codes.

All other sections and subsections of this Chapter shall remain as written and previously adopted by the City Council. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted by the Cambridge City Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Date of publication: January 24, 2018

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Marlys A. Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynda J. Woulfe, City Administrator