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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

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DATE: September 9, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on an update to the City's Inclement Weather Policy.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

BACKGROUND

The City's Use of City Facilities for Inclement Weather Policy, 500.07, created in 2019, outlines the circumstances in which certain City facilities are made available for public use when measures of extreme temperatures are reached or when other severe weather conditions occur, as well as the general guidelines for the use of City facilities as Inclement Weather Stations.

Since Council adopted the policy, the City has opened several facilities, including the Denton Community Shelter. Staff are seeking Council direction on several administrative updates, on the City's inclement weather definition, and on the list of facilities.

DISCUSSION

The administrative updates to the policy include updating the language to be consistent with community messaging, the official designation of the Denton Community Shelter and its operator (Our Daily Bread) as the City's Inclement Weather Facility, and updates to the list of facilities who meet the criteria of the policy (air-conditioned with public access to restrooms, water fountains, and sitting areas).

Staff are seeking Council direction on staff recommendations for updates to the criteria for an inclement weather designation, including when the Denton Community Shelter should be expected to expand overnight capacity. There are many different methodologies and thresholds for making the determination of inclement weather.

For hot weather, there is the existing policy of ambient temperature (straight temperature), the current practice at the Denton Community Shelter of Heat Index, and a newer methodology from the National Weather Service (NWS) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) called [HeatRisk](#).

For cold weather, there is the existing policy of ambient temperature (straight temperature), the current practice at the Denton Community Shelter of Wind Chill, and a combination of Wind Chill with precipitation.

Staff will include Council's direction into ongoing contract negotiations with its contractor to determine the operational impacts and requirements of any policy changes and will bring a red-lined copy of the policy back at a later date for adoption.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

Exhibit 3 – Use of City Facilities for Inclement Weather

Respectfully submitted:

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