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Title:	Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, Chapter 911, Primary Uses, Section 911.02, Use Table, by adding a new use, "Interim Housing", and supplementing Section 911.04, "Use Standards", by adding standards for the same. (Sent to the Planning Commission for a Report and Recommendation on 11/25/24) (Report and Recommendation received on 1/22/25) (Public Hearing held 8/26/25)		
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/4/2025	2	Mayor	Signed by the Mayor	
9/3/2025	2	City Council	Passed Finally	Pass
8/27/2025	2	Standing Committees	AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTE	Pass
8/27/2025	2	Standing Committees	Affirmatively Recommended as Amended	Pass
8/26/2025	1	Committee on Hearings and Policy	Public Hearing Held	
11/25/2024	1	Standing Committees	Referred for Report and Recommendation	Pass
11/19/2024	1	City Council	Read and referred	

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Whereas, in September of 2022 then Pittsburgh City Council President Theresa Kail-Smith established a Committee of City Councilmembers including Councilmembers Coghill, Gross, Strassburger, and Wilson to investigate solutions to the burgeoning homelessness crisis in the City of Pittsburgh; **and**,

Whereas, in May of 2023 the Committee shared its proposals publicly; **and**,

Whereas, in November of 2023, Councilmembers Coghill and Gross introduced Resolution 2023-2197 to

establish rules regulating the permitting and supervision of Temporary Managed Communities to help individuals at risk of, or experiencing homelessness; **and,**

Whereas, on February 20th 2024, Councilmembers Coghill and Gross requested a hold on 2023-2197 to allow for a collaborative revision process with Planning Commission Members, Planning Department Staff, Administration Officials and other stakeholders; **and,**

Whereas, that work proceeded, resulting in amendments that strengthened and clarified the intent and application of the original bill resulting in a new use category called “Interim Housing”; **and,**

Whereas, on August 28th, 2024 Council Bill 2023-2197 was ultimately withdrawn; **and,**

Whereas, The City faces the prospect of a 3rd winter since City Council’s Unhoused Committee was formed, and 2nd winter since its recommendations were made; **and,**

Whereas, this ordinance proposes changes to the Use Table and Use Standards which contains language that has already received a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission; **and,**

Whereas, City Council believes it is time to implement this critical portion of its Unhoused Committee’s recommendations; **and,**

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, Chapter 911, Primary Uses, Section 911.02, Use Table, is hereby supplemented as follows:

Interim Housing means facilities, in one or more structures, that provide housing for homeless or those facing homelessness, excluding the definition of Custodial Care Facility and Personal Care Residence. Shelter and support are provided for individuals to facilitate transition to more permanent housing. The Approving Body may provide a waiver of underlying zoning district standards to allow for flexibility so long as the use standards of 911.04.A.101 are met.

Local Neighborhood Commercial (LNC) - special exception

Neighborhood Industrial (NDI) - special exception

Urban Neighborhood Commercial (UNC) - special exception

Highway Commercial (HC) - special exception

Urban Industrial (UI) - special exception

Urban Center Mixed Use (UC-MU) - special exception

Urban Center Employment (UC-E) - special exception

Residential Mixed Use (R-MU) - special exception

Educational/Medical Institutional (EMI) - special exception

Golden Triangle (GT) - special exception

Riverfront Mixed Use (RIV-MU) - special exception

Riverfront North Shore (RIV-NS) - special exception

Riverfront Industrial Mixed Use (RIV-IMU) - special exception

Section 2. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, is hereby amended at Chapter 911, Section 911.04, Use Standards, as follows:

911.04.A.101 Interim Housing

Interim Housing uses shall be subject to the following standards in all permitted Zoning Districts:

- a. The applicant shall hold a Development Activities Meeting if the proposed project meets one or more of the criteria in Section 178E.08.
- b. Applications for Interim Housing uses shall describe programs of operation and management including but not limited to:
 - i. Site layout and access;
 - ii. Location and type(s) of living arrangements;
 - iii. Bathroom and dining facilities;
 - iv. Storage areas; and
 - v. Wrap-around services.
- c. The Approving Body shall determine that the entity operating the Interim Housing use has the capability and plan to adequately address the items detailed in 911.04.A.101(b).
- d. The Approving Body may waive underlying zoning to allow for exceptions to underlying zoning standards provided that the use standards of this 911.04.A.101 are adequately addressed.
- e. Interim Housing Uses shall meet all applicable Fire, Building Code, Health Department, and Public Safety requirements.

Section 3. Any Ordinance or Resolution inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.