



To: City of Columbus City Council  
From: Ben Gutknecht, Associate Planner  
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RE: Temporary Emergency Housing

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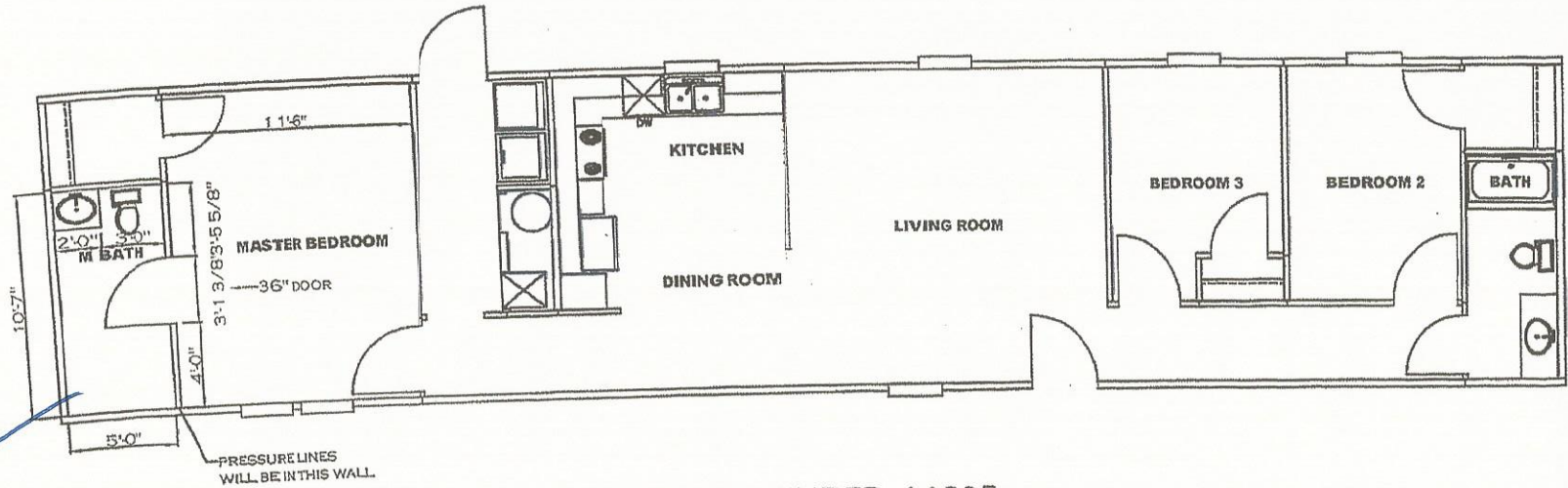
City of Columbus Staff have been asked to review a proposal for temporary emergency housing. The following is a summary of the information that, to the best of my knowledge, is accurate:

- The question came to staff as a result of a house fire at 18602 Fontana Street on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- The property owner is inquiring as to the permissibility of the temporary emergency housing as a means to continue to live on site while the principal dwelling is rebuilt.
- The temporary emergency housing in question consists of a 60' x 80' mobile home.
- The mobile home is proposed to be connected to existing on-site sewer and water.
- The mobile home would be most likely situated to the side of the dwelling.
- The Property owner was told to expect the length of time to be from 10 months to a one and half years.
- The Property owner intends to rebuild the home as it was.
- The primary reason they would like to remain is to keep life as consistent as possible while rebuilding the home. Such as school, community, etc.

City Staff have inquired with our building department MNSPECT, and Inspector Barry Brainard as to any permitting or familiarity with this kind of request. They indicated to us that they are aware of emergency temporary housing having been used in the past, typically with an RV during the final steps of home construction. Staff has reviewed our current ordinance for standards and regulations. However, we have been unable to find an existing procedure. Staff is asking the City Council for comment and to provide direction as to the option of staff issuing a Zoning Permit to allow Temporary Emergency Housing for this specific scenario.

Please let me know should you have any comments.

Attachment: Temporary House Floor Plan



Stand  
Up  
Shower

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