

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing a First Amendment (Amendment) to the Lease Agreement (Agreement) between the City and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition), modifying the Agreement to allow the Coalition to continue operations at the Housing Navigation Center, located at 2903 Jensen, Houston, TX (Navigation Center) in accordance with the Scope of Services. No additional funds are associated with this Amendment.

The term of the lease was extended from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, via letter agreement between the City and Coalition on November 5, 2024. Through this Amendment, the Coalition will modify the terms of the lease to conform certain requirements stated in the lease to the requirements of the current stream of operational funding provided to the Navigation Center by the City via separate agreement.

Historically, the City and the Coalition executed a renovation, operations, and management agreement to lease the facility to the Coalition to manage renovations. Upon completion of renovations, the Coalition has operated and managed the Housing Navigation Center to mitigate the impacts created by COVID and reduce street homelessness. Building improvements at the site included a major renovation to the facility, update to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing infrastructure, and the build-out of the interior using Emergency Solutions Grant under the Cares Act-Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) funds. The city-owned facility was selected based on the following characteristics: square footage; centralized, urban-core location; vacant status (for more than three years); and existing infrastructure (for expedited utilization).

The public has seven (7) days to comment on these proposed items. The 7-day period extends from Tuesday, November 26, 2024, through Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Upon completion of the 7-day public comment period, HCDD will take these items to City Council. For additional information on this item, contact Kenneth Brown at (832) 469-5834. Written comments can be submitted by email to Kenneth.Brown3@houstontx.gov.

For specific questions or concerns about landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.