

Low-Barrier Navigation Center Checklist

California planning and zoning law was updated in July of 2019 with the passing of **Assembly Bill (AB) 101 (2019)**.

AB 101 amended Article 11 (commencing with Section 65660 of the California Government Code) pertaining to low-barrier navigation center regulations and prescribes the following:

- Provides a “by-right” process and expedited review for low-barrier navigation centers in certain types of zones.
- Prohibits local governments from requiring a conditional-use permit or other discretionary approval of low-barrier navigation centers in mixed-use and nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses if certain operational standards are met.

The set of questions below will allow jurisdictions to determine whether updates to their zoning regulations are needed for consistency with current state regulations.

NUMBER	QUESTION	YES	NO	UPDATES NEEDED
1	Does the current ordinance allow low barrier navigation centers as a by-right use in all zones where mixed-use is permitted and nonresidential zones where multifamily uses are permitted?			If no is checked
2	Does the current ordinance allow low barrier navigation centers as a by-right use for the types of zones described above where all the following requirements are met? a) Connected Services. It offers services to connect people to permanent housing through a services plan that identifies services staffing. b) Coordinated Entry System. It is linked to a coordinated entry system, so that staff in the interim facility or staff who co-locate in the facility may conduct assessments and provide services to connect people to permanent housing. “Coordinated entry system” means a centralized or coordinated assessment system developed pursuant to Section 576.400(d) or Section 578.7(a)(8), as applicable, of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as those sections read on January 1, 2020, and any			If no is checked

	<p>related requirements, designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals.</p> <p>c) Code Compliant. It complies with Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.</p> <p>d) Homeless Management Information System. It has a system for entering information regarding client stays, client demographics, client income, and exit destination through the local Homeless Management Information System, as defined by Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p>			
3	<p>Does the current ordinance define low-barrier navigation centers as follows?</p> <p>Low-Barrier Navigation Centers. A housing-first, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing. “Low barrier” means best practices to reduce barriers to entry, and may include, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The presence of partners if it is not a population-specific site, such as for survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault, women, or youth. 2. Pets. 3. The storage of possessions. 4. Privacy, such as partitions around beds in a dormitory setting or in larger rooms containing more than two beds, or private rooms. 5. “Use by-right” has the meaning defined in subdivision (i) of Section 65583.2. Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the California Public Resources Code shall not apply to actions taken by a public agency to lease, convey, or encumber land owned by a public agency, or to facilitate the lease, conveyance, or encumbrance of land owned by a public agency, or to provide financial assistance to, or otherwise approve, a Low-Barrier Navigation Center constructed or allowed by this section. 			If no is checked