

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THURSTON COUNTY RELATED TO ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF UNSHELTERED/HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS LIVING ALONG ENSIGN ROAD AND OTHER STREETS AND ENCAMPMENTS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, unsheltered and unmanaged homelessness constitute a public health emergency and require the City of Olympia (the City) and Thurston County (the County) to coordinate their resources and actions; and

WHEREAS, neither the City nor the County have sufficient resources to address the ongoing impacts or needs of unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no shelter or sanctioned safe parking area to address the needs and impacts of individuals living in vehicles on public streets; and

WHEREAS, camping along Ensign Road is detrimental to the health and safety of the individuals living there and surrounding businesses, property owners, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, camping along Ensign Road is having unacceptable impacts on operations at Providence St. Peter Hospital; and

WHEREAS, camping along Ensign Road is having unacceptable negative impacts on emergency medical first responders accessing Providence St. Peter Hospital; and

WHEREAS, camping along Ensign Road is negatively impacting the ability of public transit vehicles to safely navigate Ensign Road; and

WHEREAS, camping along Ensign Road is impacting the ability of the public to use Ensign Road and the bike lanes and sidewalks in that roadway; and

WHEREAS, camping along Ensign Road is having negative impacts on surrounding wetlands and streams; and

WHEREAS, a safe parking facility is needed to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly and equally share the costs of the purchase, development, and management of the Franz Anderson Road SE property with the Regional Housing Council partners, with the intention of creating a temporary safe parking site for individuals residing along Ensign Road and other places in Olympia and Thurston County;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Olympia and Thurston County and the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Memorandum of Understanding with Thurston County, and any other documents necessary to execute said Memorandum of Understanding, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Memorandum of Understanding, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber

CITY ATTORNEY