



ORDINANCE NO. 28755

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBER HINES

3 AN ORDINANCE relating to public health and safety; adopting additional findings;
4 amending the declaration of emergency granted pursuant to Ordinance
5 No. 28430, and as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 28457,
6 28477, 28565, and 28637; declaring the Mayor and City Council's support of
7 Pierce County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End
8 Homelessness; directing the City Manager to ensure appropriate City staff
9 participation in Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee, established to develop a
10 countywide, Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness over the next six
11 months; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this
12 ordinance, and it's taking effect immediately.

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 28430
14 ("Emergency Ordinance"), declaring a state of emergency related to the conditions
15 of homeless encampments and authorizing such actions are reasonable and
16 necessary to mitigate the conditions giving rise to the public emergency, and

17 WHEREAS, upon issuance of the declaration of emergency, the City began
18 implementation of a Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, with an
19 estimated cost of \$3.4 million through December 2017, and

20 WHEREAS, in late 2017, the City Council determined that the conditions
21 giving rise to the public emergency were still present, and passed Ordinance
22 No. 28457, extending the declaration of emergency through December 31, 2017,
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24 WHEREAS, in December 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance
25 No. 28477, extending the declaration of emergency to December 31, 2018, and
26 authorizing additional expenditures of nearly \$7 million through the end of 2018,
and



1 WHEREAS, in 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28565,
2 extending the declaration of emergency through the end of 2019, and provided
3 continued funding for the Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, and

4 WHEREAS, in 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28637,
5 extending the declaration of emergency and authority granted in Ordinance
6 Nos. 28430, 28457, 28477, and 28565, to remain in effect until such time that there
7 is shelter availability for 95 percent of unsheltered individuals in Tacoma as noted
8 in the annual Point in Time Count, and

9 WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council wish to declare support of Pierce
10 County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness in their
11 commitment to protect public health and safety by providing everyone experiencing
12 homelessness a safe and secure space to sleep with resources to address their
13 health and sanitation needs by November 2021, allowing sidewalks, parks, and
14 right-of-ways to be available for those purposes they were designed to serve, and

15 WHEREAS the Pierce County Council, pursuant to Resolution
16 No. R2021-30s, established the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Ad
17 Hoc Committee for the purpose of developing an action plan that will deliver a
18 comprehensive plan to end homelessness within six months, and

19 WHEREAS the City desires to actively participate with Pierce County in
20 developing a regional strategy to address homelessness, and

21 WHEREAS the City is simultaneously working to establish its own five-year
22 strategic plan to address homelessness, to be substantially complete by
23 September 21, 2021, which will address racial disparities and systemic causes of
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1 homeless, amplify regional collaborations as well as community partnerships
2 and the continuum of care, align efforts with the Affordable Housing Action
3 Strategy, and identify trauma-informed interventions to meet the needs of specific
4 populations, and

5 WHEREAS the City Council will review the progress toward meeting the
6 conditions to end the declaration of emergency related to homeless encampments
7 annually, and

8 WHEREAS, due to the continuing and urgent need for quick action on the
9 part of the City, particularly as it relates to participating in the County's Ad Hoc
10 Committee, an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by
11 an affirmative vote of at least six members of the City Council; Now, Therefore,

12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

13 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this
14 Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

15 Section 2. That the City Council's declaration of emergency originally
16 granted pursuant to Ordinance No. 28430, and as subsequently amended by
17 Ordinance Nos. 28457, 28477, 28565, and 28637, is hereby amended to add City
18 Council review of the progress toward meeting the condition to end the declaration
19 of emergency on an annual basis.

20 Section 3. The Mayor and City Council declare support of Pierce County
21 and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness in their
22 commitment to protect public health and safety by providing everyone experiencing
23 homelessness a safe and secure space to sleep with resources to address their
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Section 4. That the City will actively participate with Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee in developing a regional strategy to address homelessness.

Section 5. That, based upon the facts and conclusions as specified herein, an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least six members of the City Council.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney