

AMENDMENT NO. ____
TO
RESOLUTION NO. RS2024-351

Madam President –

I hereby move to amend Resolution No. RS2024-351 as follows:

I. By amending the fourth recital as follows:

WHEREAS, increased pedestrian and boat traffic along the riverfront, especially the area within Downtown Riverfront and the steep wooded riverfront area along Gay Street (“Gay Street Riverfront”), have raised safety and cleanliness concerns including those having arisen after the recent disappearance of Riley Strain, ~~and the subsequent fall and injury of a man days later, and the ongoing dangers for unhoused individuals both~~ along an area of the Downtown Riverfront with limited fencing and a steep drop off. As WSMV News 4 noted in a recent report, Nashville Fire Department said of this area “...it is dark outside and clearly an unsafe area if someone falls”; and

II. By amending the sixth recital as follows:

WHEREAS, as Nashville and Davidson County continues to grapple with the broader issue of homelessness, the Office of Homeless Services must continue to ~~prioritize~~ assess the safety and well-being of the unhoused community surrounding the river, especially along the Gay Street Riverfront, due to the unique challenges faced as a result of their location, ~~and work to provide~~ secure their safety by providing services and shelter or housing solutions while making efforts to prevent individuals from being moved from one outdoor area to another to individuals in this area; and

III. By amending Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby requests the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, Metropolitan Department of Parks and Recreation, Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure, Metropolitan Public Health Department, Waste Services Division of the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services, the Office of Homeless Services, the Public Property Division of the Metropolitan Department of Finance, Metropolitan Department of Codes and Building Safety, and any other department of the Metropolitan Government with property or authority along the Cumberland River Downtown Riverfront work with the Metropolitan Planning Department to provide a comprehensive report (the “Report”) to the Council containing recommended actions and changes to improve the safety, security, and cleanliness of property owned by Metro, ~~The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and private entities surrounding the Cumberland River,~~ a list of the owners and responsible parties of each parcel, and any anticipated costs associated with these recommendations. These departments should ~~work with the Nashville District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Department of Transportation in determining~~ determine the best course of action in achieving this goal. A final Report should be submitted to the Council no later than March 8, 2025.

IV. By amending Section 3 as follows:

Section 3. Based upon the Report and the analyses contained therein as provided in Sections 1 and 2 of this Resolution, the identified departments should enact policy and regulatory changes consistent with best practices related to address these requested areas of concern, pending availability of funding, staffing, and relief from statutory limitations.

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