



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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An ordinance to amend Title 2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to create an Office Homeless Services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Title 2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new Chapter 2.63:

Chapter 2.63 - Office of ~~Housing and Homelessness~~ Homeless Services

2.63.010 - Creation

There is hereby created an Office of ~~Housing and Homelessness~~ Homeless Services, which shall consist of a director and other such officers and employees as may be deemed necessary by the director. ~~The director shall be appointed by the mayor and shall be an unclassified service employee.~~

2.63.020 - Duties of office.

The duties of the office of ~~housing and homelessness~~ homeless services shall include, but not limited to, the following: (1) ~~the promotion of affordable housing in Nashville and Davidson County;~~ (2) providing expertise and coordinate a community response to homelessness including the management of emergency sheltering, coordinated entry, and the homeless management information system (HMIS); (3) ~~2) providing resources and outreach regarding affordable housing and homelessness throughout Nashville and Davidson County;~~ and (4) providing staff and resources for the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission and the Nashville Davidson County Continuum of Care Homelessness Planning Council; and (5) ~~assisting with the administration of the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission and the Barnes Fund for Affordable Housing.~~

2.63.030 - Personnel.

All employees of the Homeless Impact Division of Metropolitan Social Services, ~~the Affordable Housing Program Manager, and the Director of Housing Program~~ shall be transferred to the Office of ~~Housing and Homelessness~~ Homeless Services.

2.63.040 - Director

The director of the Office of Homeless Services shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Nashville Davidson County Continuum of Care Homeless Planning Council.

Section 2. That Section 2.144.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is amended by deleting subsection E and replacing it with the following:

E. The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission staff shall be known as the Metro Homeless Impact Division and shall be housed within the Office of ~~Housing and Homelessness~~ Homeless Services. The Metro Homeless Impact Division shall provide staff and resources to assist the Nashville Davidson County Continuum of Care Homelessness Planning Council in carrying out the duties and

responsibilities established by this chapter.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

#### Analysis

This ordinance creates an office of housing and homelessness in the Metropolitan Government. This office would consist of a director and any other officers and employees as may be necessary. The director would be appointed by the mayor and would be an unclassified service employee.

The duties of this office would be:

- (1) the promotion of affordable housing in Nashville and Davidson County;
- (2) providing expertise and coordinate a community response to homelessness;
- (3) providing resources regarding affordable housing and homelessness throughout Nashville and Davidson County;
- (4) providing staff and resources for the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission and the Nashville Davidson County Continuum of Care Homelessness Planning Council; and
- (5) assisting with the administration of the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission and the Barnes Fund for Affordable Housing.

This ordinance would also transfer the homeless impact division from metro social services to the office of housing and homelessness. The affordable housing program manager and director of housing programs would also be transferred to this office.

#### Analysis

This ordinance, as substituted and amended, creates an office of homelessness in the Metropolitan Government. This office would consist of a director and any other officers and employees as may be necessary.

The duties of this office would be:

- (1) providing expertise and coordinate a community response to homelessness including the management of emergency sheltering, coordinated entry, and the homeless management information system;
- (2) providing resources regarding homelessness throughout Nashville and Davidson County; and
- (3) providing staff and resources for the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission and the Nashville Davidson County Continuum of Care Homelessness Planning Council.

This ordinance would also transfer the homeless impact division from metro social services to the office of housing and homelessness.

An amendment added at the June 7 meeting provides that the director would be appointed by mayor from a list of three names submitted by the Davidson County Continuum of Care Homeless Planning Council.