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An ordinance to amend Section 2.63.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to require the Office of Homeless Services to maintain an inventory of homeless service providers throughout Davidson County.

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

Section 1. That Section 2.63.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended as follows:

2.63.020 - Duties of office.

The duties of the office of homeless services shall include, but not limited to, the following: (1) providing expertise and coordinate a community response to homelessness including the management of emergency sheltering, coordinated entry, and the homeless management information system (HMIS); (2) providing resources and outreach regarding homelessness throughout Nashville and Davidson County; (3) providing staff and resources for the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission and the Nashville Davidson County Continuum of Care Homelessness Planning Council; and (4) maintaining an inventory of direct supportive services provided by third-party organizations to homeless populations to ensure that all areas of Davidson County are adequately served.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance, as amended, amends Section 2.63.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to require the Office of Homeless Services maintain an inventory of homeless services providers in Nashville and Davidson County. This inventory would list direct support services provided by third-party organizations to those experiencing homelessness in an effort to adequately serve all parts of Nashville and Davidson County.

An amendment added at the July 2, 2024, Council meeting requires that any publication or production of the inventory must contain language stating that the providers have not been vetted, verified, reviewed, or approved by the Office of Homeless Services. In addition, the amendment clarified that this provision must not be construed as a requirement that providers register with the Office of Homeless Services.