

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-127**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTING A
DEMOBILIZATION PLAN FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVIDED BY THE
MUNICIPALITY DURING THE 2022-2023 WINTER SEASON**

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 16.120.020A. requires the emergency shelter plan for homeless persons to be activated once the outside temperature drops to 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below, and is coordinated by Anchorage Health Department; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2022, the Assembly approved AR 2022-221(S), As Amended, which provided forward funding to begin planning and implementing emergency shelter for the 2022-2023 winter season; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly created the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Task Force in August with passage of AR 2022-252, As Amended, which assisted in the formation of the emergency shelter plan presented in AR 2022-293, As Amended, which was approved in September and included increased usage of Brother Francis Shelter, and usage of the Covenant House, Sullivan Arena, Alex Hotel, and Aviator Hotel as emergency shelter locations; and

WHEREAS, usage of the Covenant House as emergency shelter ended on March 31, 2023, and the contracts for usage of the Sullivan Arena, Alex Hotel, and Aviator Hotel as emergency shelter ends on April 30; and

WHEREAS, while the Assembly continues to focus on long-term solutions to homelessness such as housing, it is incumbent on the Municipality to humanely demobilize emergency shelters and find alternative solutions to minimize the number of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness this summer; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES

Section 1. The Sullivan Arena shall close as emergency shelter no later than the expiration of the term of its current contract on April 30, 2023.

Section 2. The Assembly requests the Municipal Administration to put out a Request for Information to obtain possible locations for non-congregate shelter, prioritizing those individuals who are on the Coordinated Entry list.

Section 3. The Assembly requests the Municipal Administration prioritize resources to address code changes required to allow alternative forms of shelter within the Municipality, such as pallet shelters, modular buildings, ASD relocatable buildings, and others.

Section 4. The Assembly requests the Municipal Administration to engage in workforce development opportunities for people experiencing homelessness as much

as possible when implementing the above sections.

Section 5. The Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee will work with the Administration to explore on an expedited basis the short-term (up to three years) usage of the former Alaska Native Charter School.

Section 6. The Housing and Homelessness Committee will work with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness to explore, on an expedited basis, funding for contact-driven and housing-driven outreach as well as mobile navigation services.

Section 7. The Assembly will create a public task force through an Assembly Resolution to explore the possibility of sanctioned camps.

Section 8. The Assembly will create a public task force, through an Assembly Resolution, to explore solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness with co-occurring disorders, including mental health, behavioral health and substance misuse.

Section 9. Food services should be considered and, as appropriate, funded in the options listed above.

Section 10. This resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval of the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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