



Legislation Text

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Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness

PURPOSE: The purpose is to authorize the Mayor to execute a MOU with Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness for FY 2025.

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

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Chapter 3 - Affordable Housing; Goal 5 - Support efforts with Orange County to ensure that all homeless individuals and families have access to safe housing, appropriate services, and a path to permanent housing; Strategy 5.3 Prevent homelessness.

INFORMATION: The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness was established in 2008 to coordinate funding and activities to end homelessness in Orange County. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created to outline the roles and responsibilities of the partner jurisdictions of Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough.

This item proposes one change to the renewal period in the existing MOU, from five additional two-year terms to one-year terms “until decisions regarding OCPEH governance revisions are adopted and if agreed upon by all parties.” This change refers to the concern that people with lived experience of homelessness may be reluctant to actively participate with elected officials also participating in the monthly leadership team meetings and serving in Chair / Vice-Chair capacity. A Governance Workgroup was established in the fall 2023 to review the current governance structure and ensure that it meets regulatory requirements while more actively centering people closest to the issue.

The Partnership to End Homelessness’ Executive Team recommends this change to Section D of the attached 2025 Draft Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment B).

FISCAL IMPACT: The MOU commits the County and municipalities to ensure funding for the Homeless Programs Manager, Housing Access Coordinator, and Homeless Programs Coordinator positions and operating expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year MOU for the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness. A resolution is provided in Attachment A.