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TITLE: EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR WRITTEN FINDING OF EMERGENCY TO AWARD NECESSARY CONTRACT FOR THE PROCESS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOTELING IN THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO PROVIDE HEALTHY SHELTERING

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2021
REVISION DATE IF APPLICABLE:

Factual Background Information to Finding of Emergency to Support Execution of Agreement with Guardian's Foundation to provide for temporary hoteling services for homeless individuals and families:

WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency ("Proclamation") for the entire State of Washington ("State") on February 29, 2020. Spokane Mayor Nadine Woodward issued an Executive Declaration of Civil Emergency or Disaster ("Declaration") in the City of Spokane ("City") on March 16, 2020, which Declaration was ratified and amended by the Spokane City Council ("Council") by Resolution No. 2020-20 on March 16, 2020.

WHEREAS, an important focus of the actions taken by State and City Authorities has been to emphasize the public safety and health requirements of the response to the COVID-19 crisis. A very important part of this response has been both the separation and social distancing of individuals. In order to provide for the appropriate distancing in Homeless Shelters funded by the City in this region, additional shelter space was identified and put into operation.

WHEREAS; the Spokane Municipal Code Title 18, Chapter 1805 provides that the City will provide housing for homeless individuals, when certain weather conditions exist;

WHEREAS, as the temperature has decreased, the facilities providing housing for homeless individuals have at times reached capacity;

WHEREAS; it is estimated that the conditions including lower temperatures and limited available shelter space are likely to persist for the winter months, alternative options for shelter have been examined;

WHEREAS; City Staff has identified that the safest and least expensive method to provide adequate emergency shelter for individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness but are not able to be housed in existing facilities is to

provide hoteling services, including obtaining the hotel rooms and providing transportation for those who will be staying in the hotel rooms;

WHEREAS; staff in the CHHS Department contacted two providers currently under contract to the City to provide homeless services and has identified one who can immediately begin to provide the services;

WHEREAS, Section 7.06.180 of the Spokane Municipal Code provides that if an emergency requires procurement prior to City Council Action, the Mayor may declare an emergency and award necessary contracts or agreements to address the emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is prepared to immediately execute the appropriate contract with Guardian's Foundation to provide the necessary services.

NOW THEREFORE, AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE WASHINGTON, I DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 – Purpose and Intent.

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis requiring appropriate distancing and safety measures, combined with the estimated decrease in night-time temperatures and the requirements of SMC Section 18.05.020, an emergency situation exists and the public safety and health of those who are unhoused necessitates the execution of a contract with the Guardian's Foundation to provide services to those requiring housing where there is not necessary capacity in low barrier shelters.

Section 2 – Emergency Procurement.

Pursuant to SMC 2.04.100, the Mayor or her designate, may make emergency procurements consistent with the provisions of SMC 7.06.180. The contract with the Guardian's Foundation is an emergency procurement.


Section 3 – Effective Date.

This Declaration shall be in full force and effect upon signature and shall continue until terminated.

Section 4– Ratification.

This emergency declaration shall be submitted to the City Council for ratification pursuant to SMC 2.04.060.

Dated this 9 day of February, 2021.



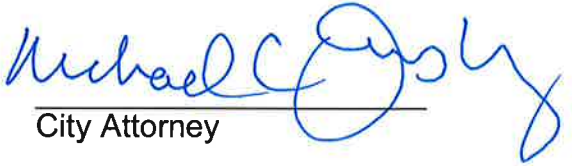
Mayor Nadine Woodward

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Date of Publication: March 3, 2021

Effective Date: February 9, 2021

