

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 002/2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONROE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE
HOMELESSNESS POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, homelessness is a national, state, regional, and local issue affecting all of Snohomish County, in both urban and rural areas, including the Skykomish Valley and the City of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and the Monroe City Council adopted Resolution No. 001/2019, establishing a Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) in January 2019 to make non-binding recommendations on how the City should respond to issues relating to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee was formed with representation from community members, local businesses, faith based organizations, experts in mental health and drug dependency, local human service providers, and those who experienced homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the HPAC held approximately twenty meetings to understand the causes of homelessness; learn about best practices and service models from subject matter experts; and visit regional service facilities; and

WHEREAS, from these informative and educational experiences the HPAC developed recommendations in six focus areas: housing, partners, prevention, policy/budget, public safety, and support services; and

WHEREAS, in each of these categories the HPAC drafted recommendations to best express a balance of compassion and accountability and a desire to help people become able to choose a path out of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the HPAC recognized, throughout the process to develop recommendations, that homelessness is a very complex issue that exists on a very broad spectrum and there is no one size fits all solution; and

WHEREAS, the HPAC held a public open house on November 14, 2019, to share draft recommendations and take public comment; and

WHEREAS, the HPAC amended its draft recommendations based on public comment and feedback from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, the City Council discussed the HPAC draft recommendations, and the City Council directed Mayor Thomas and City Staff to bring the HPAC recommendation back to the City Council for final adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee Recommendations. The City Council hereby adopts the recommendations of the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

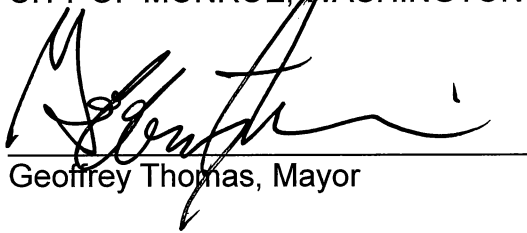
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 25 day of February, 2020.

Approved: February 25, 2020
Effective: February 25, 2020


CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

(SEAL)



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

Exhibit A

Housing

- Establish Temporary-Housing in a permanent facility to serve Monroe residents with adjacent secured parking for those living in vehicles and RVs for overnight stay
- Establish a Sky Valley Housing Consortium to establish short, long-term, and alternative housing
- Increase alternative housing that includes but is not limited to men, youth, LGBTQ, and families and pets

Partners

- Establish Service Provider Networks to provide services and housing 24/7 in Sky Valley
- Increase public transportation between Monroe & Everett
- Involve other public entities in a network to prevent and end homelessness in Sky Valley
- Create an education campaign that supports affordable housing, job training, and treatment options

Prevention

- Gather and analyze accurate data about homelessness in Monroe
- Create an education campaign about homelessness: causes, prevention strategies, and alternatives
- Promote social services networks focused on youth and families

Policy/Budget

- Lobby legislators at all levels to increase funding for addiction and mental health treatment, affordable housing, job training, and support services
- Identify and lobby for new law enforcement strategies focused on personal accountability
- Engage developers in building affordable and subsidized housing
- Implement HB 1406 Explore all revenue options for housing, mental health, and chemical dependency
- Continue HPAC as standing committee Monitor progress towards implementing HPAC recommendations. Review Technical Committee recommendations.
- Adopt and fund a Six-Year Plan to fulfill HPAC's recommendations

Public Safety

- Implement law enforcement strategies and regulations that increase personal accountability and adhere to civil and personal rights
- Gather and analyze accurate data about crime in Monroe
- Initiate a residential and business crime prevention program
- Continue to budget for the Embedded Social Worker/Community Outreach
- Use technology to increase public safety and protect infrastructure
- Implement Community Court so treatment for addiction and mental health can be offered as an alternative to jail

Support Services

- Create a coordinated homeless response center.
- Create a system of services that responds to the homeless crisis 24/7
- Establish more accessible mental health and addiction services in Monroe
- Obtain supportive services to navigate people through resources
- Support agencies that serve and promote self-reliance among people in need