

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

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AN ORDINANCE related to appropriations for the Human Services Department; amending Ordinance 125475, which adopted the 2018 budget; lifting a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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WHEREAS, The City of Seattle’s 2018 Adopted Budget included a proviso on funds in the Human Services Department concerning the implementation of scan cards for the Homeless Management Investment System; and

WHEREAS, the proviso in Green Sheet 262-1-A-1-2018 specifies that “None of the money appropriated in the 2018 budget for the Human Services Department may be spent for the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Scan Card project until the City Council passes an ordinance lifting this proviso. It is expected that the Council will not lift the proviso until the Human Services Department has completed an assessment of the project and filed a report of the assessment with the City Clerk. The assessment of the project should include analysis of its potential effectiveness and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and other privacy standards. The assessment must involve consultation with three service or health care providers that serve a diversity of populations experiencing homelessness, such as Evergreen Treatment Services’ REACH program, YouthCare, Downtown Emergency Service Center, International Community Health Services, Country Doctor Community Health Centers, or Public Health – Seattle & King County”; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department submitted a report to the Human Services, Equitable Development and Renter Rights Committee in conjunction with this ordinance,

1 for consideration on February 13, 2018, in accordance with Green Sheet 262-1-A-1-2018;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, use of HMIS scan cards shall be voluntary for both providers and the clients they
4 serve, and that the Human Services Department does not intend to compel providers or
5 clients to use HMIS scan cards in any fashion; and

6 WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council requests that the Human Services Department ensures that
7 service providers make amply clear to their clients the option of using an anonymous or
8 de-identified profile in HMIS; and

9 WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council will review the Human Services Department’s response to
10 Statement of Legislative Intent 287-1-A-1, which requests a privacy impact report for
11 HMIS, and which is due to the Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee on May
12 30, 2018; NOW, THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

14 Section 1. The restrictions imposed by the following budget proviso, which limits
15 spending on the following item, are removed because the conditions set forth in the proviso have
16 been satisfied and they are no longer restrictions for any purpose, including those set forth in
17 subsection 1(b) of Ordinance 125475:

Item	Department	2018 Green Sheet	Proviso
1.1	Human Services Department	262-1-A-1	“None of the money appropriated in the 2018 budget for the Human Services Department may be spent for the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Scan Card project until the City Council passes an ordinance lifting this proviso. It is expected that the Council will not lift the proviso until the Human Services Department has completed an assessment of the project and filed a report of the assessment with the City Clerk. The assessment of the project should include analysis of its potential effectiveness and compliance

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- 1 Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its
- 2 effective date is ratified and confirmed.

