

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

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AN ORDINANCE relating to unsheltered homelessness; lifting a budget proviso imposed on Finance General's Reserves Budget Control Level; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; making cash transfers between various City funds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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WHEREAS, the 2015 Adopted City Budget includes \$200,000 GSF in 2015 for reducing unsheltered individual and family homelessness in the City of Seattle;

WHEREAS, the City Council placed a budget proviso on funds such that the Executive and the Human Services Department cannot expend funds until the Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Homelessness makes its recommendations to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Seattle;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Homelessness made its recommendations to the Mayor on December 14, 2014 and reported on the same to the City Council Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services, and Economic Resiliency on December 18, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Council intends to measure the success of transitional encampments in temporarily sheltering people until they can secure housing in comparison with indoor shelter, and the Council expects that the rate at which people move from sheltering in transitional encampments to housing should be within 15% of the rate at which people move from indoor shelter to housing; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the appropriate amount and type of support to secure some form of permanent housing will vary among the individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The Council intends that case management funded by the City of Seattle should be focused on achieving success in securing housing along with other client needs. The Council finds that case managers serving as "navigators" who help homeless persons work through various barriers to housing is a proven and successful approach, and expects that City-funded case managers working with encampment residents will work in this capacity; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 Section 1. The restrictions imposed by the following budget proviso that limit  
 2 spending on the following item are removed because the conditions in the proviso have been  
 3 satisfied and they are no longer restrictions for any purpose, including those in Subsection 1 of  
 4 Ordinance 124648.

Item	Department	2014 Green Sheet	Proviso	Budget Control Level
1.1	Finance General (FG)	60-1-A-1	"Of the appropriation in the 2015 budget for Finance General's Reserves BCL, \$200,000 is appropriated solely for reducing unsheltered individual and family homelessness in Seattle, consistent with best practices and with a regional approach to increasing shelter capacity, and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Homelessness makes its recommendations to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Seattle"	Reserves (00100-2Qd00)

19 Section 2. The appropriations for the following items in the 2015 Budget are modified as  
 20 follows:  
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Item	Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Amount
2.1	General Subfund-(00100)	City Budget Office	Reserves (00100-2QD00)	(\$200,000)
	Human Services Operating	Human Services Department	Community Support and Assistance (16200-H30ET)	\$200,000

	Fund- (16200)			
Total				\$0.00

Section 3. To support the appropriation made in section 2 above, cash is transferred as shown in the following table:

Item	Fund	Amount Transferred
3.1	General Subfund (00100)	\$200,000 transferred out
	Human Services Operating Fund (16200)	\$200,000 transferred in

Section 4. The City Council acknowledges the Mayor's preliminary estimate of spending of the \$200,000 appropriated solely for reducing unsheltered individual and family homelessness in Seattle in the following manner:

1. \$70,000 for additional shelter beds located in the King County Administration Building;
2. \$60,000 for additional shelter beds for youth; and
3. \$70,000 for case management for homeless persons residing in transitional encampments.

Section 5. The City Council intends that transitional encampments serve to shelter people temporarily until they can secure housing. To monitor the success in transitioning encampment residents to housing, the Council directs the Human Services Department to report annually to the Council on all permitted transitional encampments in Seattle beginning one year from the date the first encampment permitted as an interim use according to Section 23.42.056. The annual reports shall include at least the following information that is described a monthly basis:

1. The number of adults and minors occupying all encampments;
2. The number encampment occupants accepting or declining offers for human or social services;

