

**CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER**  
**REQUESTING STATE ASSISTANCE**  
**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2015, in my capacity as Mayor, I issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency to address the homelessness crisis in the City of Seattle; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts stated in that Proclamation continue to exist and I am basing this Civil Emergency Order on the information and recitals contained in that Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the decisions to declare a civil emergency and to seek civil emergency orders are not taken lightly but are, I believe, extraordinary measures that are necessary to protect the public welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, this civil emergency necessitates the utilization of certain emergency powers granted to the Mayor pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code, Chapter 10.02 and RCW Chapter 38.52, including the power to seek the assistance of the Washington State government in combating the civil emergency as set forth in Seattle Municipal Code, Chapter 10.02.020(A)(10); and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of this Civil Emergency Order are designed to provide the least necessary restriction on the rights of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, for these reasons I believe it is in the best interests of the City of Seattle that the assistance of the Washington State government be requested as set forth this Civil Emergency Order; and therefore,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE HONORABLE EDWARD B. MURRAY, THAT:**

**I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SEATTLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 10.02.020, 10.02.025, AND 10.02.030, AND MY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2015 HEREBY REQUEST THE FOLLOWING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

**SECTION 1**

1. Undertake those steps and issue those orders that the Governor deems necessary to assist the City of Seattle in combating this civil emergency;
2. Allocate additional resources for mental health and substance abuse treatment;

3. Set Medicaid rates for inpatient treatment at an amount that is sufficient to provide effective treatment;
4. Identify State-owned property to host authorized encampments, vehicle parking, emergency shelter, and housing;
5. Allocate intervention and other resources to address the public health and safety crisis associated with unauthorized encampments on State property along I-5, I-90, and SR-99, including implementing physical changes to those areas to minimize ongoing and long-term public health and safety risks.
6. Increase the amount and expand allowable support services in the Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG), including Housing and Essential Needs Program and stabilize funding for CHG;
7. Restore the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to pre-recession levels;
8. Authorize additional financing tools to expand affordable housing and ensure affordability and protections for tenants.

## **SECTION 2**

All mayoral proclamations and orders presently in effect shall remain in full force and effect except that, insofar as any provision of any such prior proclamation is inconsistent with any provision of this Order, then the provision of this Order shall control.

## **SECTION 3**

A copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be delivered to the Governor of the State of Washington and to the County Executive of King County. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Civil Emergency Order to the public, as many other available means as may be practical shall be used, including but not limited to posting on public facilities and public address systems as set forth in SMC 10.02.100.

## **SECTION 4**

This Civil Emergency Order shall immediately or as soon as practical be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification or rejection, and if rejected this Civil Emergency Order shall be void; however, any such rejection or modification shall not affect any actions previously taken. As set forth in SMC 10.02.020(O), if the City Council rejects this Civil Emergency Order, such rejection shall not affect the City's responsibility for any actions taken prior to the rejection of this Civil Emergency Order, including the City's responsibility for the actual costs incurred by those who were ordered by or entered into contracts with the City.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2015, at 8:31 am/pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed B. Murray", written over a horizontal line.

EDWARD B. MURRAY  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE