

CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER
ADDRESSING SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS

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, including that Seattle Public Schools serve almost 3,000 children experiencing homelessness, which amounts to at least one student per classroom; 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; and

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

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 ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1

1. All City of Seattle Departments shall establish programs and services, and identify additional shelter capacity to specifically address the crisis of almost 3,000 children experiencing homelessness currently enrolled in Seattle Public Schools. The Departments shall identify and establish such programs, services, and additional shelter capacity, regardless of any time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by City ordinance, including any applicable permit requirements.
2. This Order is limited to the establishment of additional shelter capacity, programs, and services that specifically address the crisis of children experiencing homelessness currently enrolled in Seattle Public Schools.

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 2nd day of November, 2015, at 8:31 am/pm.



EDWARD B. MURRAY
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE