

**CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER**  
**REQUESTING FEDERAL 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 federal 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 federal 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 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:**

**SECTION 1**

1. Undertake take those steps and issue those orders that the President deems necessary to assist the City of Seattle in combating this civil emergency;
2. Increase funding for affordable housing, including capital and operating funding for permanent housing for the homeless and our most vulnerable extremely low-income residents, rental assistance, and voucher programs;

3. Increase funding for the interrelated system of homeless support services for all populations and address the funding gap created by the shift in priorities of McKinney funding toward housing and housing related services, including funding for mental and behavioral health, chemical dependency, employment and family support services in the HHS and DOL budgets;
4. Increase federal funding for homeless supportive services for all populations, including funding for employment, mental health, and chemical dependency services;
5. Extend the terms of existing Moving To Work program, which provides flexibility for the Seattle Housing Authority and the King County Housing Authority to design local services for housing and employment support for low-income families;
6. Eliminate the Institutions for Mental Disease regulation limiting Medicaid reimbursement to facilities with more than 16 beds;
7. Update 42 CFR Part 2 – Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Records to mirror HIPAA regulations and support care coordination and primary care integration;
8. Approve Washington’s Medicaid Transformation Waiver request, which includes creating a supportive housing benefit that would allow the use of Medicaid funds to pay for support services delivered in permanent supportive housing, and;
9. In 2012, HUD and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched a new initiative, “Dedicating Opportunities to End Homelessness” and engaged 10 top priority cities including Seattle in seeking requests for waivers and regulatory flexibility and identifying areas for alignment. Reengage with these 10 cities to implement the submitted requests.

## **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.



EDWARD B. MURRAY  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE