



## ORDINANCE NO. 28755

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER, AND  
2 COUNCIL MEMBER HINES

3 AN ORDINANCE relating to public health and safety; adopting additional findings;  
4 amending the declaration of emergency granted pursuant to Ordinance  
5 No. 28430, and as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 28457,  
6 28477, 28565, and 28637; declaring the Mayor and City Council's support of  
7 Pierce County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End  
8 Homelessness; directing the City Manager to ensure appropriate City staff  
9 participation in Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee, established to develop a  
10 countywide, Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness over the next six  
11 months; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this  
12 ordinance, and it's taking effect immediately.

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 28430  
14 ("Emergency Ordinance"), declaring a state of emergency related to the conditions  
15 of homeless encampments and authorizing such actions are reasonable and  
16 necessary to mitigate the conditions giving rise to the public emergency, and

17 WHEREAS, upon issuance of the declaration of emergency, the City began  
18 implementation of a Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, with an  
19 estimated cost of \$3.4 million through December 2017, and

20 WHEREAS, in late 2017, the City Council determined that the conditions  
21 giving rise to the public emergency were still present, and passed Ordinance  
22 No. 28457, extending the declaration of emergency through December 31, 2017,  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, in December 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance  
25 No. 28477, extending the declaration of emergency to December 31, 2018, and  
26 authorizing additional expenditures of nearly \$7 million through the end of 2018,  
and



WHEREAS, in 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28565,  
1 extending the declaration of emergency through the end of 2019, and provided  
2 continued funding for the Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, and  
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4 WHEREAS, in 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28637,  
5 extending the declaration of emergency and authority granted in Ordinance  
6 Nos. 28430, 28457, 28477, and 28565, to remain in effect until such time that there  
7 is shelter availability for 95 percent of unsheltered individuals in Tacoma as noted  
8 in the annual Point in Time Count, and  
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10 WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council wish to declare support of Pierce  
11 County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness in their  
12 commitment to protect public health and safety by providing everyone experiencing  
13 homelessness a safe and secure space to sleep with resources to address their  
14 health and sanitation needs by November 2021, allowing sidewalks, parks, and  
15 right-of-ways to be available for those purposes they were designed to serve, and  
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17 WHEREAS the Pierce County Council, pursuant to Resolution  
18 No. R2021-30s, established the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Ad  
19 Hoc Committee for the purpose of developing an action plan that will deliver a  
20 comprehensive plan to end homelessness within six months, and  
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22 WHEREAS the City desires to actively participate with Pierce County in  
23 developing a regional strategy to address homelessness, and

24 WHEREAS the City is simultaneously working to establish its own five-year  
25 strategic plan to address homelessness, to be substantially complete by  
26 September 21, 2021, which will address racial disparities and systemic causes of



homelessness, amplify regional collaborations as well as community partnerships and the continuum of care, align efforts with the Affordable Housing Action Strategy, and identify trauma-informed interventions to meet the needs of specific populations, and

WHEREAS the City Council will review the progress toward meeting the conditions to end the declaration of emergency related to homeless encampments annually, and

WHEREAS, due to the continuing and urgent need for quick action on the part of the City, particularly as it relates to participating in the County's Ad Hoc Committee, an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least six members of the City Council; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

Section 2. That the City Council's declaration of emergency originally granted pursuant to Ordinance No. 28430, and as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 28457, 28477, 28565, and 28637, is hereby amended to add City Council review of the progress toward meeting the condition to end the declaration of emergency on an annual basis.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Council declare support of Pierce County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness in their commitment to protect public health and safety by providing everyone experiencing homelessness a safe and secure space to sleep with resources to address their



health and sanitation needs by November 2021, allowing sidewalks, parks, and  
right-of-ways to be available for those purposes they were designed to serve.

Section 4. That the City will actively participate with Pierce County's Ad Hoc  
Committee in developing a regional strategy to address homelessness.

Section 5. That, based upon the facts and conclusions as specified herein,  
an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by an  
affirmative vote of at least six members of the City Council.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney