

CITY OF YELM
RESOLUTION NO. 595
HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the City of Yelm acknowledges that homelessness is a significant societal concern;

WHEREAS, the City of Yelm has identified increasing numbers of homeless citizens on its streets, in its public spaces, and on City-owned property;

WHEREAS, the City of Yelm wishes to be proactive in addressing these concerns moving forward, rather than reactive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yelm desires to create a Homeless Task Force as an ad hoc advisory body to the Yelm City Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Yelm establishes a Homeless Task Force to identify and analyze existing resources for the homeless, to identify overlaps or gaps in existing services, and to identify areas in which the City may use its resources to coordinate services for the homeless population of the City of Yelm. The Task Force shall be composed of representatives from the following stakeholder groups:

- a) City Council (1 member)
- b) City Staff (1 member)
- c) Medical profession (1 member)
- d) Medical profession specializing in addiction and mental health issues (1 member)
- e) Non-profit organizations which provide services to the homeless (2 members)
- f) Citizen-at-large, appointed by the Mayor, after interview with the aforementioned representatives. This citizen must live within the Urban Growth Area of Yelm.

The Task Force shall produce a final report to the Council no later than 12 months after the date of its first meeting, which shall occur within 1 month of the signing of this resolution. The final report shall include the following analyses and recommendations:

- A comprehensive list of services currently provided to Yelm's homeless community by federal, state, and local governments, as well as those services provided by non-profit organizations.
- An analysis of existing services, focusing on overlaps and gaps in service.
- Review of neighboring municipalities' code language and ordinances regarding homelessness.
- Analysis of Thurston Homeless Housing Task Force (or the designated body) and its five-year homeless housing plan, per RCW 43.185C.160.
- Recommendations on how to close current service gaps and reduce service overlaps.
- Recommendations for the City on how to coordinate or create services, programs, or facilities for the homeless community.

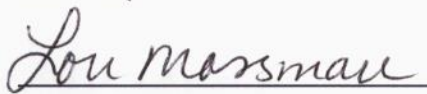
The Yelm City Council appropriates \$2500 to provide adequate resources to support the research and analysis and final report that will be produced by the Task Force.

APPROVED this 13th day of November 2018.



JW Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Mossman, City Clerk