

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY REQUESTING THAT THE AUTHORITY ANNUALLY RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY CHANGES FOR CONSIDERATION BY MUNICIPALITIES, KING COUNTY, AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND SHELTER IN KING COUNTY

WHEREAS, the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (“Authority”) is committed to ending homelessness and ensuring access to permanent housing for people who are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Plan of the Authority identifies a need for new and expanded temporary and permanent housing to end and prevent homelessness in King County; and

WHEREAS, State and municipal laws, codes, and regulations can significantly impact the pace and effectiveness of efforts to prevent homelessness and develop permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness, particularly permanently affordable housing and permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, through its collaboration with homelessness service agencies and affordable housing developers, is likely to have knowledge of conditions throughout King County that are promoting or hindering the development of permanent and temporary housing models that will serve people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes the importance of working with local jurisdictions to advance a coordinated and comprehensive approach to end and prevent homelessness across King County; and

WHEREAS, developing a list of land use, legal, and regulatory requirements and procedures that have aided the development of permanent and temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness will support local jurisdictions seeking to reduce development costs and shorten the time required for development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

**Section 1:** Development of Model Requirements. The Authority will develop a package of land use, regulatory, and statutory recommendations, based on a review of other jurisdictions, that may expedite and reduce the cost of developing permanent and temporary housing models, including, but not limited to, changes to:

- (a) Land use codes;
- (b) Permitting processes, including design review and State Environmental Policy Act review;
- (c) Community engagement requirements; and
- (d) the Revised Code of Washington.

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**Section 2:** Declarations of Emergency. The recommendations presented per Section 1 above shall include how King County and Seattle's existing proclamations of civil emergency due to homelessness could also be used to address existing barriers to developing permanent and temporary housing, including design review, State Environmental Policy Act review, community engagement requirements, and requirements imposed by the Revised Code of Washington.

**Section 3:** Legislative Agenda Review. The package or recommendations shall be presented to the Governing Committee for review and approval annually, which may be revised according to the requirements of the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Authority and the Governing Committee Bylaws.

**Section 4:** Implementation and Advocacy. Authority staff shall work in collaboration with the municipalities of King County and other stakeholders to advance the recommended approaches and policies.

**Section 6:** Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Resolution 2023-05 was introduced on and [Passed/Failed] by a majority vote of the Governing Committee pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a meeting held this 1st day of June, 2023.

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[Results]

Yea:

Nay:

Present:

Excused:

KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Ed Prince , Chair

ATTEST:

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Austin Christoffersen, Clerk of the Authority

**Attachments:** N/A