

RESOLUTION NO. 06-18409

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE COMMITTEE ON
HOMELESSNESS, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE,
ESTABLISHING ITS PURPOSE, RESPONSIBILITIES,
COMPOSITION, AND DURATION

WHEREAS, homelessness is a social concern throughout the nation and in the City of Billings;

WHEREAS, a proactive approach is necessary to study homelessness within Billings and to promote identification and coordination of available services; and,

WHEREAS, Billings would benefit from a ten-year strategic plan that will aid in having a viable impact on chronic homelessness in Billings; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2-224, BMCC, allows the Mayor and City Council to create ad hoc council advisory committees; and,

WHEREAS, an Ad Hoc Committee would be beneficial in reviewing homelessness in Billings and providing advice to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Creation: There is hereby created the Committee on Homelessness, an ad hoc City Council advisory committee (the Committee).

Section 2. Purpose: The Committee's purpose is to review results from strategic planning sessions held in November 2005 and March 2006 written by the Montana Council on Homelessness and to establish a ten-year plan for City Council review as a pilot project in order to impact chronic homelessness in Billings. The Committee will act as a conduit to the Montana Council on Homelessness regarding the City of Billings as a pilot project to address chronic homelessness. The Committee will attempt to streamline processes in order to prevent the duplication of efforts and services, provide input for funding on state and federal initiatives, identify housing and service needs of the homeless population, and provide input on legislative issues regarding chronic homelessness. The Committee will make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding progress on the ten-year strategic plan.

Section 3. Scope of Responsibilities: Upon the consent of the City Council, the Committee may provide input to local providers and consumers, the Montana Council on Homelessness, and the United States Interagency on Homelessness regarding the results of the ten-year strategic planning process. The Committee may not commit the City or expend funds.

Section 4. Composition: The Committee shall be composed of 20 members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. The members will be appointed from the following public and private sector stakeholders: 1 member from a consumer group; 2 from housing; 1 from code or law enforcement; 2 from health care; 1 from academia; 1 from a veterans' organization; 1 from a philanthropic group; 1 librarian; 2 service providers; 1 from a work force agency; 1 from a faith-based organization; 2 civic and business leaders, 2 from lending institutions, and 2 involved with economic development. The Committee will coordinate community initiatives on homelessness and will operate in an inclusive manner forming consumer and advisory groups in order to develop the most effective strategic plan possible. The Committee's efforts will be facilitated by the Community Development Division staff in conjunction with the City Administrator's office. Ten (10) members will be appointed to serve a two (2) year term and ten (10) members will be appointed to serve a four (4) year term in order to stagger vacancies. Members may serve up to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms. After initial appointment, members may serve up to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.

Section 5. Duration: The Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council until excused from duty. The Committee's expected duration is through December, 2016 to accommodate the ten-year planning process. The Committee's duration may be extended to facilitate planning efforts extending beyond the ten-year plan.

Passed and approved this 24th day of April, 2006.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____
Ron Tussing, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marita Herold, CMC/AAE City Clerk