

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EMERGENCY HOUSING AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC FACILITIES TO BE OF URGENT NECESSITY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE, HEALTH, AND PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1109 AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS THEREFOR; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23387 TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF “DESIGNATED PUBLIC FACILITIES.”

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23387, a resolution declaring that a “shelter crisis” exists in the City of Riverside, pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.2, because a significant number of persons in the City are without the ability to obtain shelter and such condition has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons (hereafter “Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Point in Time Count identified 439 unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness within the City (“Unsheltered Persons”), which represents a 20% increase over the 2018 Point in Time Count; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 180 shelter beds located throughout the City for different subpopulations of individuals experiencing homeless, 15 of which are dedicated City outreach beds at the emergency shelter at the Hulen Campus; and

WHEREAS, staff is working towards the development of an alternative temporary housing model to augment the supply of currently available shelter beds at the Hulen Campus; and

WHEREAS, there still exists a need for additional shelter beds as the number of beds currently available is insufficient for the number of Unsheltered Persons identified in the 2019 Point in Time Count in the City; and

WHEREAS, Unsheltered Persons frequently occupy public spaces and other places not meant for human habitation, which poses a significant threat to the health and safety of these Unsheltered Persons who are already vulnerable to illness, crime, malnutrition, and harmful weather exposures (such as excessive heat, excessive cold, rain, and flooding); and

1 WHEREAS, to preserve life, health, and property, there is a need to provide Unsheltered
2 Persons with temporary shelter and overnight sleeping accommodations, hereby referred to as
3 “Emergency Housing” and further defined in Title 16 of the Riverside Municipal Code; and

4 WHEREAS, the establishment of Emergency Housing is of urgent necessity for the
5 preservation of life, health, and property, such that the competitive procurement requirements of
6 Charter Section 1109 and Resolution No. 23256 should be waived so that the City is able to arrange
7 for the installation of facilities and amenities, as well as the acquisition of goods and services, that
8 directly relate to providing Emergency Housing for Unsheltered Persons; and

9 WHEREAS, the Declaration provides that, pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.2, no
10 public facility owned, operated, leased, and/or maintained by the City, or any of its subordinate
11 agencies, shall be occupied by persons unable to obtain shelter unless and until the City Council has
12 designated that public facility as being for shelter purposes (“Designated Public Facility”); and

13 WHEREAS, due to the increase in the demand for Emergency Housing, the City Council
14 would now like to designate all properties owned, operated, leased, and/or maintained by the City or
15 the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside, or any of the City’s subordinate agencies, as
16 Designated Public Facilities for purposes of the Declaration and this Resolution.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
18 California, as follows:

19 Section 1: That the above recitals are found to be true and correct and are hereby
20 incorporated herein as if stated in full.

21 Section 2: That the establishment of Emergency Housing at Designated Public Facilities
22 is of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, and property.

23 Section 3: That the competitive procurement requirements of Charter Section 1109 are
24 waived for the installation of facilities and amenities that directly relate to providing Emergency
25 Housing at Designated Public Facilities.

26 Section 4: That the competitive procurement requirements of Resolution No. 23256 are
27 waived for the installation of facilities and amenities, as well as the acquisition of goods and services,
28 that directly relate to providing Emergency Housing at Designated Public Facilities.

