

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

RESOLUTION NO: _____

Housing & Neighborhood

REQUESTED BY: Development Department

PREPARED BY: Law Department

APPROVED: _____

APPROVED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE: _____

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) requires the City to submit an Allocation Plan to receive HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (“HOME-ARP”) grant funds; and

WHEREAS, HOME-ARP grant funds are supplemental funds made available by HUD with the purpose of creating affordable, permanent housing with the services necessary for those experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, the City received notice of HOME-ARP grant allocations of \$4,076,859 until 2030; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2022, following the required public notice and input process, the City Council authorized, by R-293-2022, the Mayor to execute any and all associated documents and certifications related to the submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, the City submitted the Allocation Plan, as required by HUD, to receive these funds; and

WHEREAS, the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (“Allocation Plan”) proposed the use of \$2,900,000 for the development of affordable rental housing, \$1,000,000 for provision of supportive services, and \$176,859 for administration and planning; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Allocation Plan, \$2,900,000 has been used to support the development of 30 units of permanent supportive housing at Callahan Flats, which is anticipated to be complete in 2025 and the \$1,000,000 for supportive services was previously considered for use in conjunction with a different permanent supportive housing development that ultimately was not developed; and

WHEREAS, HUD allows for changes to HOME-ARP Allocation Plans through an amendment process, which also follows a public notice and input process, after which a proposed amendment may be submitted to HUD; and

WHEREAS, a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Amendment (the “Amendment”) currently being proposed would move the remaining \$1,000,000 from supportive services to the “Development of Affordable Rental Housing” category, in order to be made available to support the development of additional units of supportive housing for persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment also takes into consideration the extensive planning and public input process over the past year under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (“YHDP”) to create the YHDP Coordinated Community Plan (“CCP”); and

WHEREAS, among the needs and priorities identified in the CCP is permanent supportive housing for youth aging out of the foster care system as the CCP notes that without housing and support, this population is at high risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment would provide for the opportunity to make these funds available for development of supportive housing for this population; and

WHEREAS, As required by HUD, a Public Notice of the Amendment was published on March 14, 2025 and the draft amendment was made available for review on the City’s website on April 1, 2025, and comments received through April 15, 2025 will be provided to City Council prior to the April 29th meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all associated documents and certifications related to the submission of the Amendment to HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: The Mayor of the City of Knoxville be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents and certifications required for the submission of the Amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto, to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Council

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