



## Legislation Text

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### **Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.**

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**Overview:** The [Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness <https://www.ocpehnc.com/>](https://www.ocpehnc.com/) was established in 2008 to coordinate funding and activities to end homelessness in Orange County. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created to outline the roles and responsibilities of the partner jurisdictions of Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. This item proposes two changes to the existing MOU, last updated in June of 2022. The proposed changes have been determined by staff to be minor and are shown in the attached 2023 Draft Memorandum of Understanding. It is anticipated that the Mayors, Managers, and Chair (MMC) committee will continue their discussions on addressing affordable housing and homelessness needs, and there may be further revisions to the MOU in the coming year.



**Recommendation(s):**

That the Council approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding.

**Background:**

- In April 2008, the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council, Carrboro Town Council, and Hillsborough Board of Commissioners endorsed the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and entered into a memorandum of understanding to fund a Partnership Coordinator position and support the Plan's implementation by the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.
- In November of 2014, the Town Council authorized an update to the MOU to reflect how the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness had evolved to become an on-going program, which the Partnership to End Homelessness was playing a key role in implementing.
- In 2022, the Town Council authorized an update to the MOU to bring the MOU in line with the existing structure and positions of the Partnership, including a Homeless Programs Manager, a Housing Access Coordinator, and a Homeless Programs Coordinator.
- The Partnership to End Homelessness' Executive Team is recommending two minor modifications to the existing MOU as shown in the attached 2023 Draft Memorandum of Understanding.

**Fiscal Impact:** The MOU commits the County and municipalities to ensure funding for the Homeless Programs Manager, Housing Access Coordinator, and Homeless Programs Coordinator positions and operating expenses, if such funding is available. Approval of the proposed amendments to the MOU will have no anticipated fiscal impact.



**Attachments:**

- Resolution
- 2023 Draft Memorandum of Understanding
- Existing Memorandum of Understanding approved in 2022

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS (2023-05-24/R-6)**

WHEREAS, in April 2008, the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council, Carrboro Board of Aldermen, and Hillsborough Board of Commissioners endorsed the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and entered into a memorandum of understanding to fund a Partnership Coordinator position and support the Plan's implementation by the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the 2008 memorandum of understanding was revised to better reflect how the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness had evolved and to more accurately describe the structure of the Partnership to End Homelessness and its role in coordinating homeless program services in the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Town Council authorized an update to the MOU to bring the MOU in line with the existing structure and positions of the Partnership, including a Homeless Programs Manager, a Housing Access Coordinator, and a Homeless Programs Coordinator.

WHEREAS, the Partnership to End Homelessness Executive Team is recommending an update to the existing Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness, as described in the May 24, 2023 meeting materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Council intends to further explore the ongoing structure for the Partnership to End Homelessness and the future approach to ending homelessness in Orange County.

This the 24th day of May, 2023.

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**The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.**

By adopting the resolution, the Council approves the updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.