



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 2/1/2023

**Sponsor(s):** Cappleman (46)

**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-8 by adding new Section 2-8-090 to require quarterly reports from Department of Family and Support Services on efforts to address homelessness

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Health and Human Relations

For referral to the Committee on Human Relations and Health

## **ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, On December 19, 2022, President Biden released a strategic plan to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by January 2025 - an ambitious plan that will put us on the path to prevent and end homelessness in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, each city, including Chicago, has been offered a roadmap for not only getting people into housing but also ensuring they have access to the support, services, and income that will allow them to live to their full potential.

**WHEREAS**, a public quarterly review of the City's strategic plan to address homelessness incentivizes everyone to keep focused on interventions to help us meet the federal government's goal of reducing homelessness by 25% by January 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago's 2023 Budget adopted 7 principles to address homeless encampments which are outlined by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to help further guide its efforts to addressing the plight of those living in encampments, and a review of progress toward implementing those 7 principles will keep everyone more focused on a consistent plan that will produce good outcomes.

**WHEREAS**, the experiences of people encountering homelessness are complex, and City Council's understanding of all the many different complexities will enable them to assist the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) with their efforts to address homelessness;

**AND WHEREAS**, quarterly reports from DFSS to City Council during a public subject matter hearing hosted by the Committee on Human Relations and Health will educate members of City Council and the general public on ways to support the efforts of DFSS to combat this issue, as well as serve as a guide during City Council's annual budgeting meetings.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1, Section 2-8-090** of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**2-8-090 Quarterly Hearings** regarding the Department of Family and Support Services' efforts to address homelessness within the City of Chicago.

### **ORDINANCE**

**Quarterly Reports by the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) during a hearing at the Committee on Human Relations and Health about progress made on addressing homelessness within the City of Chicago.**

**The Report shall include the following:**

- **Progress with delegate agencies improving their outcomes of getting people into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) more quickly.**
- **Progress on improving the collaboration and coordination of delegate agencies with one another and with DFSS.**
- **Progress on implementing the 7 principles outlined by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness regarding encampments.**

- Progress on increasing delegate agencies' use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Progress on analyzing HMIS to ascertain which types of interventions produce better outcomes within a set time period, and which types of interventions produce less substantial outcomes on reducing homelessness.
- Progress on outcome measures for overnight shelters, transitional shelters, and low barrier shelters.
- Progress of connecting outreach services for people experiencing homelessness to case management services.
- Progress on reducing the response time to pick up a person making a 311 call to a shelter.
- Progress on ensuring there is a sufficient number of shelter beds for those who are requesting a shelter.

DFSS shall make Reports available on its website within 5 business days of its presentation to the Committee on Human Relations and Health. Each year, Reports shall be collected into a single annual document and posted online by Dec. 31.

  
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