

## BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND TRI-COUNTY PLANNING BODY INTO A NEW “SHS REGIONAL POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE” AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE’S DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP )	ORDINANCE NO. 25-1539 Introduced by Council President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the Metro area voters approved Measure 26-210, which among other things established the Supportive Housing Services Regional Oversight Committee (“SHS Regional Oversight Committee”) and a tri-county homeless services planning body (“Tri-County Planning Body”) to implement the Measure’s newly established Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2020, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-1453 and Ordinance No. 20-1452 codifying Measure 26-210, including the provisions governing the SHS Regional Oversight Committee in Metro Code Section 2.19.280 and the Tri-County Planning Body in Metro Code Section 11.01.170; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-5267, the Metro Council adopted a charter for the Tri-County Planning Body, establishing the committee’s membership and more specifically describing its duties; and

WHEREAS, the SHS Program requires a more aligned, coordinated, and clearly defined governance framework to ensure timely and effective decision-making that is responsive to emerging regional needs while providing oversight and advancing an effective regional system of care; and

WHEREAS, the SHS Regional Oversight Committee and the Tri-County Planning Body have convened programmatic experts, individuals with lived experience, and regional leaders to address complex issues and strengthen the developing regional system, and have provided thoughtful recommendations that have not consistently resulted in systematic improvements due to inefficient processes and overlapping and unclear role definitions; and

WHEREAS, communication and coordination among the SHS Regional Oversight Committee, Tri-County Planning Body, and Metro Council have been limited, resulting in reduced transparency and alignment across regional oversight functions; and

WHEREAS, the SHS Regional Oversight Committee and the Tri-County Planning Body operate under differing bylaws, charters, procedures, and voting structures, creating operational challenges for staff, particularly when both bodies are required to review and approve the same proposals; and

WHEREAS, regional elected representation within the current committees is limited, and elected officials serving on the SHS Regional Oversight Committee lack voting authority, thereby diminishing regional visibility, accountability, and engagement in the oversight and policy direction of the SHS Program;

WHEREAS, federal and state funding for homeless services has become more uncertain, making SHS funding increasingly critical to serve people in crisis and further demonstrating the need to change

the governance structure to better respond to emerging regional needs, provide oversight, and advance an effective regional system of care; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective April 1, 2026, the Tri-County Planning Body and the SHS Regional Oversight Committee as established by Measure 26-210 and as further codified in Metro Code are hereby consolidated into a new “SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee.”
2. As of March 31, 2026, the Tri-County Planning Body and SHS Regional Oversight Committee both sunset. Any charters, bylaws, work plans, or other ancillary documents setting forth or otherwise establishing, clarifying, modifying, or purporting to give effect to the TCPB and SHS Regional Oversight Committee’s duties, authority, or membership have no further legal effect.
3. Metro Code Section 2.19.280 (SHS Regional Oversight Committee) is repealed in its entirety.
4. Metro Code Section 11.01.170 (Tri-County Advisory Body) is repealed in its entirety.
5. A new Metro Code Section 2.19.280 is created to establish the newly consolidated SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (the “SHS RPOC” or “Committee”) with consolidated membership, duties, and authority set forth as further detailed in the attached Exhibit A.
6. It is the policy of Metro Council that the newly established SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee further the oversight and planning functions of the former SHS Regional Oversight Committee and Tri-County Planning Body.
7. The Metro Council may review the Committee’s effectiveness and role annually and will conduct its first review no later than April 2027, one year from the effective date of this Ordinance.
8. The Metro Council has sole discretion to amend or modify the Committee’s authority, duties, and membership as the Council deems appropriate to ensure appropriate oversight, planning, and regional coordination for Metro’s Supportive Housing Services Program.
9. This ordinance codifies, amends, and supersedes language in Measure 26-210 that establishes and sets forth any membership or duties as they apply to the SHS Regional Oversight Committee and the Tri-County Planning Body. To the extent that any terms or conditions in Measure 26-210 conflict with the terms and conditions in this ordinance, this ordinance prevails.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of December 2025.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

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