

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING)
METRO CODE SECTION 2.19.280 TO)
ADD ONE MEMBER TO THE)
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES)
REGIONAL POLICY AND OVERSIGHT)
COMMITTEE)
ORDINANCE NO. 26-1547
Introduced by Metro Council President
Juan Carlos González

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, Metro Council adopted Ordinance 25-1539 consolidating the Supportive Housing Services (“SHS”) Regional Oversight Committee and the Tri-County Planning Body in a new SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (“SHS RPOC” or “Committee”) and establishing the Committee’s duties and membership effective April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.280 governs Committee membership; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is charged with responsibilities outlined in Metro Code Section 2.19.280; and

WHEREAS, the Committee currently consists of 22 total members, including representatives of the Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Boards of Commissioners, the City of Portland, cities in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, homelessness services experts, representatives from a coordinated care organization, culturally-specific services coalition, housing/homelessness coalition, business coalition, and the justice system, as well a representative from the Oregon Housing and Community Services, TriMet, a philanthropic organization, and a housing provider representative; and

WHEREAS, the Committee membership includes a broad range of personal and professional experience, including people with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability, and reflects the geographical diversity of the region; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2025 Metro regional Point-in-Time Count, homelessness among the American Indian/Alaska Native community increased by 118%, a disproportionately high rate compared with other demographic groups; and

WHEREAS, previous Point-in-Time Counts, including the 2023 count, also identified disproportionately high rates of homelessness among American Indian/Alaska Native individuals in Multnomah County, indicating that homelessness within the American Indian and Alaska Native communities is a significant issue for regional planning and policy discussions; and

WHEREAS, federally-recognized tribes administer a range of housing, health, and social service programs for eligible, enrolled tribe members and, in some cases, their descendants, and familiarity with these systems and resources—including programs such as the HUD 184 Loan Guarantee Program and HUD-VASH—can help provide a more complete understanding of the housing and service landscape available to American Indian and Alaska Native people, federally recognized tribes, and Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, many American Indian and Alaska Native people, federally recognized tribes and urban Indigenous people and families may access a combination of tribal, federal, state, local, and community-based resources to address housing needs, and consideration of how these systems interact with SHS will help inform regional efforts to understand and respond to homelessness within these communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the addition of a new voting member with knowledge and expertise in tribal governance structures, eligibility requirements, and homeless service systems and housing-related resources for American Indian and Alaska Native people, federally recognized tribes, or urban Indigenous communities experiencing homelessness will provide valuable context to the Committee; now therefore

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Metro Code Section 2.19.280 (Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee) is amended to add one additional voting committee member with specific knowledge and expertise in serving American Indian/Alaska Native, tribal, and urban Indigenous communities experiencing homelessness as set forth in the attached Exhibit A; and
2. The Metro Attorney is directed to prepare a conforming amendment of the Committee Bylaws for Council consideration and adoption by resolution no later than October 13, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 2nd day of July 2026.

Juan Carlos González, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Georgia Langer, Recording Secretary

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney