

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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| FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW TITLE | ) | ORDINANCE NO. 20-1452                 |
| XI TO THE METRO CODE AND A NEW        | ) |                                       |
| CHAPTER 11.01 "SUPPPORTIVE HOUSING    | ) | Introduced by Chief Operating Officer |
| SERVICES PROGRAM" WITHIN THAT TITLE   | ) | Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with  |
|                                       | ) | Council President Lynn Peterson       |

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance 20-1442 which, among other things, imposed business and personal income taxes to fund a Supportive Housing Services Program and found that homeless and housing services is a matter of metropolitan concern; and

WHEREAS, as part of that Ordinance adoption, the Metro Council found that the greater Portland region is facing a severe housing affordability and homelessness crisis, which endangers the health and safety of thousands of our unhoused neighbors. Homelessness is a deeply traumatic and dehumanizing experience that no person should have to endure, regardless of their circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Council further found that thousands of households in the greater Portland region need supportive housing, and thousands more need housing assistance and other supports to achieve housing stability, according to the February 2020 ECONorthwest report entitled "Potential Sources and Uses of Revenue to Address the Region's Homeless Crisis," and

WHEREAS, the Council further found that the housing affordability and homelessness crisis in the greater Portland region impacts us all and requires collective and individual action from every person, business, elected official, and resident that calls the region home; and

WHEREAS, the Council also found that the homelessness crisis is an issue of scale and services do not yet match the scope of the crisis, and additional revenue is required to scale services to meet the needs and scope of the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-5083 referred Ordinance 20-1442 (Supportive Housing Services) to the voters for approval, which was designated as Measure 26-210 by Multnomah County Elections and placed on the May 2020 ballot (the "Measure"); and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the Metro area voters approved the Measure, thereby approving Ordinance 20-1442; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-5083 authorized the Metro Attorney to assign the Measure's sections with title, chapter and section numbers for the Metro Code as the Metro Attorney deemed appropriate based on current Metro Code titles, chapters and sections; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance codifies, amends and supplements the Measure; and

WHEREAS, the sections of the Measure regarding imposition of the personal and business income taxes are being codified in new Metro Code Chapter 7.05 (Tax Administration), Chapter 7.06 (Personal Income Tax), and Chapter 7.07 (Business Income Tax); and

WHEREAS, the sections of the Measure regarding the establishment of a Regional Oversight Committee are being codified in Metro Code Chapter 2.19 (Regional Oversight Committee); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance codifies the sections of the Measure regarding the programmatic aspects of providing Supportive Housing Services into a new Title XI, Chapter 11.01 of the Metro Code, with certain amendments as appropriate; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. A new Metro Code Chapter 11.01 attached as Exhibit A and entitled “Supportive Housing Services Program” is added to a new Metro Code Title XI.
2. This ordinance codifies, amends and supersedes the language in Measure 26-210. 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 \_\_\_\_ day of December 2020.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

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Jaye Cromwell, Recording Secretary

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney