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**SHELTER MONITORING COMMITTEE**

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**Authority:**

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Administrative Code, Section 20.300 et seq. (Ordinance Nos. 283-04, 123-07, 150-07, 51-08, and 131-10)

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**Board Qualifications:**

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The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, the public, and any other appropriate agency with accurate, comprehensive information about the conditions in and operations of shelters, as well as City policies in place that affect operations of shelters or their impact on shelter clients. The Department of Public Health shall provide administrative support for the Committee.

The Committee shall consist of 13 members, one (1) of whom shall be a homeless person (or homeless within the three (3) years prior to appointment) with a disability, and one (1) of whom shall be a homeless person (or homeless within the three (3) years prior to appointment) living with their homeless child who is under the age of 18.

(Administrative changes to seats 1 and 2 made for clarification to meet mandated positions in Ordinance Nos. 283-04 and 150-07.)

The 13 members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- > Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor, including: one (1) member from the Department of Human Services, one (1) member from the Department of Public Health, and one (1) member who is homeless or formerly homeless and who has experience providing direct services to the homeless through a community setting;
- > Six (6) members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors including: two (2)

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homeless or formerly homeless (within the three (3) years prior to appointment) individuals, one (1) with a disability, and one (1) living with their homeless child under age 18; one (1) member who has experience providing direct services to the homeless through a community setting; one (1) member selected from a list of candidates that are nominated by community agencies that provide behavioral health, housing placement, or other services to the homeless; and two (2) members selected from a list of candidates that are nominated by non-profit agencies that provide advocacy or organizing services to homeless people, one (1) of which is homeless or formerly homeless.

> Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, including: one (1) member selected from a list of candidates that are nominated by non-profit agencies that provide advocacy or organizing services to homeless people; two (2) members who have experience providing direct services to the homeless through a community setting, one (1) of which is formerly homeless; and one (1) member shall be homeless or formerly homeless and selected from a list of candidates that are nominated by community agencies that provide behavioral health, housing placement, or other services to homeless individuals.

In making their appointments to the Committee, the appointing authorities are encouraged to select people who are bilingual.

The term of office of each Committee member shall be two years. In the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any Committee member, a successor shall be appointed to complete the expired term of office. The interim appointment shall be made in the same or similar manner that governed the initial appointment of the departing member.

The Committee shall meet a minimum of once per quarter, at such times and places as the Committee shall designate. The location of the meetings shall be accessible to the public and the meetings shall comply with applicable public meeting requirements under state and local law. The Committee shall monitor the attendance of Committee members. In the event that any Committee member misses three regularly scheduled meetings in a six-month period, without prior notice to the Committee, the Committee shall certify in writing that the member missed three meetings in a six-month period of time. On the date of such certification, the member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee. The Committee shall notify the appointing authority accordingly and request the appointment of a new member.

Reports: The Committee shall prepare and submit quarterly reports that shall include, but not be limited to, information on the following: safety in the shelter, cleanliness in the shelter, disability access to and within the shelter, family life in the shelter, a review of policies and procedures in place at the shelter and any information received regarding the treatment and personal experiences of shelter residents. In order to enable the Committee to prepare reports required under this subsection, City departments that contract for services at a shelter that is under review must respond within 15 days to any reasonable request for information submitted

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by the Committee relative to the shelter or to City policies that affect operations of shelters or their impact on shelter clients. The reports shall also include recommended action steps for the shelter and for the City department that contracts for services at the shelter. City departments and the reports referenced in this subsection shall not identify shelter residents or disclose any confidential information concerning shelter residents consistent with state and federal law. The Committee may issue emergency reports at any time it deems necessary. The reports shall be provided to: 1) the Mayor, 2) the Board of Supervisors, 3) the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, 4) the appropriate city department responsible to take action, 5) the city department that contracts for services at the shelter, 6) the shelter under review, and 7) the public. These reports shall be public documents. Any city department identified in the report as responsible to take action recommended in the report shall, within 30 days of issuance of the report, provide to the Board of Supervisors a departmental report setting forth how the department intends to respond to the Committee's recommendations.

Sunset Date: None specified.

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