

**RESOLUTION NO. 234-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS IN THE CITY OF ARCATA**

**WHEREAS**, There is a housing crisis evident throughout California and the United States, which drives population growth in the City of Arcata and the continuing housing shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the Humboldt County 2022 Point-in-Time Report, there were over 350 unhoused individuals living in and around the City of Arcata in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, A large number of persons continue to reside in the City of Arcata without the means to seek shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, These individuals lack adequate sanitary facilities and are at risk from theft, crime, and extreme weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, These conditions threaten the physical and mental health and safety of those individuals without shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, These conditions also result in a threat to the public health and well-being of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Humboldt requires that the City of Arcata declare a statutory “shelter crisis” as a condition of receiving funds to continue the Safe Parking Program, which is part of the City of Arcata’s strategy to assist its unhoused population; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 8698, et seq., allows the governing body of a city to declare a shelter crisis when a significant number of persons are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, This declaration will assist the City of Arcata’s efforts to provide alternative housing for the City of Arcata’s unhoused population;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council of the City of Arcata finds and determines the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and hereby makes them a part of this Resolution; and
2. The City Council finds that a significant number of persons in Arcata are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that this situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of these persons, for the reasons set forth above; and
3. The City Council therefore hereby declares a shelter crisis in the City of Arcata under the authority set forth in Government Code Section 8698, et seq.; and
4. The City Council declares that the effective period of the Shelter Crisis shall begin on November 1, 2023, and shall not end until either the City Council repeals this Resolution or the authorizing statute expires on November 1, 2024, whichever is first in time; and
5. The City Manager is directed to pursue action to assist the City in providing shelter to the unhoused community, including application of the Government Code section 8698 et seq.

“declaration of shelter crisis” provisions. The City Manager is further directed to ensure that the City complies with the reporting requirements under Government Code section 8698.4.

DATED: November 1, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk, City of Arcata

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Mayor, City of Arcata

Clerk's Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 234-18, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California held on the 1st day of November, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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City Clerk, City of Arcata