

AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CREATING THE CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 15.43 is created to read as follows:

15.43 CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE. (1) The City-County Homeless Issues Committee is created and shall be governed by this ordinance.

(2) The City-County Homeless Issues Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members.

a. City Members. Two (2) members shall be City of Madison Alders, one (1) member shall be a Madison Police Department officer, one (1) member shall be a representative of a downtown business or community organization, one (1) member shall be a current or former homeless person who has used homeless services, and one (1) member shall be from the Homeless Services Consortium or other persons experienced in homeless services or advocacy. All City members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. Alders shall have a term coextensive with their terms on the Common Council. Other members shall serve three-(3) year terms.

b. County Members. Three (3) members shall be Dane County Board Supervisors, appointed by the County Board Chair, whose terms shall be coextensive with their terms on the County Board. Two (2) members shall be current or former homeless persons who have used homeless services, and two (2) persons shall be from the Homeless Services Consortium or other persons experienced in homeless services or advocacy. The citizen members shall be appointed by the County Executive. All persons who are not elected shall serve three-(3) year terms.

(3) When the City-County Homeless Issues Committee is first constituted, the initial appointments for three year terms shall be staggered such that two (2) members have a one year term, three (3) members have a two year term, and three (3) members have a three year term.

(4) The Committee shall examine, report and make recommendations to the Madison Common Council and the Dane County Board of Supervisors on issues related to homelessness. This includes housing for the homeless, jobs and job training, availability of public toilets and showers, access to storage lockers, and the provision of mental health, drug and alcohol services. The Committee may adopt rules for the operation of the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall report at least annually, by August 1, to the Common Council and County Board.

(6) The Committee shall be assisted by the Dane County Human Services Department and the City of Madison Community Development Division.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment creates the City-County Homeless Issues Committee.]

Submitted by Supervisors Wegleitner, Zweifel, Richmond, Veldran and Salov, April 3, 2014.
Referred to HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS and HOMELESS ISSUES.