

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH ADAMS COUNTY AND SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES  
REGARDING HOMELESSNESS**

**NO. 2023-081**

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City (“City”) understands the critical nature of homelessness and affordable housing in Colorado Front Range communities and also understands that the number of unhoused individuals continues to rise in our community;

WHEREAS, the City made significant strides in identifying the needs of the unhoused community through the hiring of staff devoted to helping unhoused individuals navigate and identify the resources they need, as well as working to effectuate lasting change through the use of federal dollars to make bold strides in improving conditions for the homeless community in Commerce City;

WHEREAS, City Staff of the City has coordinated efforts with the Adams County Regional Working Group on Homelessness to make connections among municipalities and with Adams County to coordinate efforts in addressing homelessness regionally;

WHEREAS, as a result of the collaborative efforts, Adams County and the Cities of Aurora, Brighton, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster, the Town of Bennett, the City and County of Broomfield, and Commerce City, (collectively “Jurisdictions”) have memorialized a framework in the form of the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to further strengthen regional coordination and improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness through a multi-faceted approach;

WHEREAS, all of the Jurisdictions, except the City signed the MOU effective January 1 2022;

WHEREAS, the City of Arvada joined the MOU with a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Adams County, Colorado and the Cities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster, the Town of Bennett, the City and County of Broomfield Regarding Homelessness Services (“First Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize the City to join the other Jurisdictions and the City of Arvada and authorize the execution of the MOU and the First Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The recitals to this resolution are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This resolution is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council of Commerce City is committed to continue working to find solutions to issues facing the unhoused community in Commerce City; and, the City Council of Commerce City also affirms its commitment to continue working with Adams County and surrounding Municipalities to coordinate efforts, resources, and projects for homeless individuals.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council of Commerce City hereby approves of and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Adams County, Colorado and the Cities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster, the Town of Bennett, and the City and County of Broomfield Regarding Homelessness Services and the First Amendment to the same.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk