

**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR**  
**No. 2018-01**

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga (the “City”) envisions a city that empowers all Chattanoogaans to build an equitable, authentic, and inclusive community through prosperity and a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City has benefited from an incredible economic trajectory over the last five years, and is presently enjoying strong wage growth, low unemployment, and increasing investment throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, we know that in spite of this positive economic growth, there are still citizens that experience hardships and barriers and find themselves experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, all Chattanoogaans deserve a place to call home and those individuals experiencing homelessness need safe, sustainable housing and support ; and

WHEREAS, the City established a Mayor’s Task Force on Veteran Homelessness bringing people from across the community together alongside homeless service providers to create and execute a plan to end Veteran Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City met the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness criteria for having effectively ended Veteran Homelessness on February 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to continue to make progress towards ending all homelessness in our community by bringing together a wide array of organizations and people across the community to create and execute a plan that will achieve this goal

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Chattanooga,

IT IS ORDERED, that the Chattanooga Interagency Council on Homelessness (“Council”) is hereby created to unite our community around an effective strategy to end homelessness and coordinate and implement a community plan that effectively addresses housing crises, moves individuals experiencing homelessness into housing, and provides support to keep individuals housed. More specifically, the Council shall be responsible for the following:

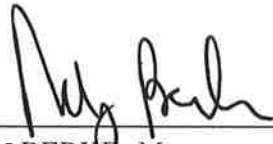
- Create a long term community plan for the City to functionally end homelessness under federal guidelines.
- Update the community plan annually to reflect progress and challenges identified throughout implementation and changes in the environment.
- Establish clear measurable goals in the plan and measuring progress towards these goals.
- Coordinate implementation effectively to achieve goals outlined in the plan and make measurable progress.
- Report at least annually to the public the progress made towards ending homelessness.
- Create opportunities to involve the public in the work of ending homelessness.
- Improve existing responses and systems that assist and interface with individuals experiencing homelessness.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the members of the Council shall be appointed by the Mayor and consist of representatives from government, healthcare, churches, foundations, service providers, businesses, neighborhoods, and formerly homeless individuals.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Council as a whole will meet regularly throughout the year as often as necessary to coordinate and make decisions to carry out their duties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Council's appointed leaders shall have the ability to call meetings, appoint committees, form working groups, and guide constructive debate towards consensus.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Executive Order No. 2018-01, this the 19th day of March, 2018.



ANDY BERKE, *Mayor*

