

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY COVID-19 SHELTER FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND MEDICALLY FRAGILE, AND FUNDING UP TO \$700,000 TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, issued guidelines to mitigate spread of the virus, including social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that medically vulnerable persons, or those with underlying health conditions, are isolated and physically removed from congregate settings to minimize risk of exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, congregate shelters in Winston-Salem serving the needs of persons experiencing homelessness have identified the existence of medically vulnerable persons within their shelter populations, as well as medically vulnerable persons who are unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, establishing a temporary shelter to isolate and support medically vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness will mitigate their risk of contracting the virus; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Forsyth County, Bethesda Center for the Homeless, and City with Dwellings have agreed to operate a temporary COVID-19 shelter to support medically vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have agreements with United Way of Forsyth County on behalf of Bethesda Center for the Homeless and City with Dwellings to operate the shelter, as well as agreements between the City and other vendors providing infrastructure support to the shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, authorize the City

Manager to execute agreements, up to \$700,000 funding the establishment, operation of and infrastructure support for a temporary shelter for the medically fragile as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.