

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: November 20, 2025

CALENDAR NO. 35,316

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS (BY REQUEST)

AN ORDINANCE to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Orleans to enter into Amendment No. 2 to a previously executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the City of New Orleans (“City”), and Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana, Inc., relative to public purpose of providing medical respite to unhoused individuals in New Orleans by managing and reserving four (4) respite beds to provide respite care to the unhoused population in New Orleans, desire to modify the provisions of the CEA and extend the term thereof for an additional 12 months as more fully set forth in the Amendment No. 2 form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 7, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the State of Louisiana and its political subdivisions, including the City, may enter into cooperative endeavors with each other, or with any public or private corporation or individual; and further pursuant to Section 9-314 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the City may enter into cooperative endeavors with any public or private association, corporation, or individual for activities in support of economic growth and other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City and Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana, Inc. desire to modify the provisions of and extend the term thereof for an additional 12 months to the previously executed CEA between the City and Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana, Inc. relative to the valued public purpose of providing medical respite to unhoused individuals in New Orleans by managing and reserving four (4) respite beds to provide respite care to the unhoused population in the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the City and Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana, Inc. desire to enter into this Amendment No. 2 to provide for medical respite to unhoused individuals and to set forth certain other matters in connection therewith; **NOW THEREFORE**

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of New Orleans, is hereby authorized to enter
3 into Amendment No. 2 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, in the form attached hereto as
4 Exhibit “A”, to the previously executed CEA between the City of New Orleans and Volunteers of
5 America Southeast Louisiana, Inc. to modify the provisions of and extend the term thereof for an
6 additional 12 months to the previously executed CEA relative to the valued public purpose of
7 providing medical respite to unhoused individuals in New Orleans by managing and reserving four
8 (4) respite beds to provide respite care to the unhoused population in the City of New Orleans.

1 **SECTION 2.** That said Amendment No. 2 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is
2 attached to this ordinance as “Exhibit A” and incorporated and made a part hereof.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

EXHIBIT A

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA SOUTHEAST
LOUISIANA, INC.**

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AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
AND
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC.
MEDICAL RESPITE

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT is made and entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”), and Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana, Inc., represented by Voris Vige, President and Chief Executive Officer (the “**Contractor**”). The City and the Contractor may sometimes be collectively referred to as the “**Parties.**” This Amendment is effective as of December 11, 2025 (the “**Effective Date**”).

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor are parties to a cooperative endeavor agreement, effective December 11, 2024, to provide medical respite to unhoused individuals in New Orleans (the “**Agreement**”);

WHEREAS, the Agreement was amended on May 14, 2025, to make a correction to the Agreement (the “**First Amendment**”);

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor, each having the authority to do so, desire to enter this Amendment to increase the funding amount, extend the term, and to reaffirm essential provisions.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the City and the Contractor amend the Agreement as follows:

1) **Term**: The term of the Agreement is extended for an additional one (1) year through December 10, 2026.

2) **Compensation**: The Agreement is amended to increase the compensation in the amount of \$450,000.00. The maximum aggregate compensation payable under the Agreement is increased to \$950,000.00.

3) **Additional Miscellaneous Provisions**: The following terms and conditions are added to the Agreement:

- a. **Convicted Felon Statement**. The Contractor swears that it complies with City Code § 2-8(c). No Contractor principal, member, or officer has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.
- b. **Non-Solicitation Statement**. The Contractor swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Amendment. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Amendment.
- c. **Prior Terms Binding**. Except as otherwise provided by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

- d. ***Electronic Signature and Delivery.*** The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Amendment and any other document(s) attached to this Amendment delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Amendment. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a party until such party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Amendment.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Contractor, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Amendment.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: _____
LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR

Executed on this _____ of _____, 2025

**FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department**

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC.

BY: _____
VORIS VIGEE, PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FEDERAL TAX I.D.

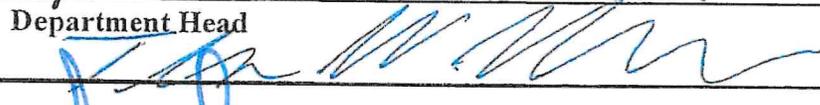
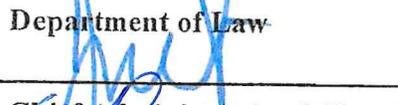
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Person responsible for routing

**CHECK SHEET TO BE USED FOR
CLEARING ORDINANCES, MOTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL CLERK**

The originating agency shall attach a copy of each proposed ordinance, motion, or resolution to the check sheet for processing in the sequence indicated after preparing a synopsis. The detailed memorandum of explanation shall also be attached to this check sheet.

SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT: An amendment that extends the term by 12 months of a CEA
between the City and Volunteers of America to provide medical respite to unhoused individuals by
managing and reserving four (4) respite beds to provide respite care to the unhoused population in New
Orleans

- 1. 
Department Head
- 2. 
Department of Law
- 3. 
Chief Administrative Officer
- 4. 
Director of Council Relations
- 5. _____
Initials of Sponsoring Council Member

COUNCIL ACTION

Council Members Present: _____
Absent: _____

<u>AMENDMENTS:</u>	<u>FINAL ADOPTION:</u>
_____	MOVED: _____
_____	2 ND : _____
_____	YEAS: _____
_____	NAYS: _____
_____	ABSENT: _____
_____	RECUSED: _____

7. _____
Reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer after adoption by the City Council and prior to the Mayor's signature. REF. POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 3



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

TO ACCOMPANY ORDINANCES

BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL

Requesting Department or Agency: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s): _____

DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF THE ORDINANCE

Please generally describe the purpose, intent, and effect of the proposed ordinance.



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

If the Ordinance is to effectuate a contract, CEA, or other similar agreement (hereafter contract), please provide the following additional information.

If this section is not applicable, please check this box.

The parties involved:

The obligations, expectations, and deliverables of the parties involved:

Any fiscal implications for the City with the contract:

The public purpose and need for the contract:

The duration of the contract:



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

If the Ordinance is to effectuate an amendment to the Codes of the City of New Orleans, please provide the following additional information.

If this section is not applicable, please check this box.

The existing provision(s) of the Code being proposed for amendment:

The general content/requirements of the existing Code provision:

How the proposed ordinance will alter the existing Code provision(s):

Why these changes are needed:

REQUESTED ADOPTION DATE: _____

Reference: Council Rule 41 & City Code Section 2-813