

RESOLUTION 2025- 58
RESOLUTION REGARDING NOTICE TO HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County (“Commissioners”), Indiana is the legislative body for Monroe County, Indiana who is empowered to approve policies such as found in Monroe County Code 257; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners met on Thursday, December 11 with concerned residents and unhoused individuals currently camping on County property to discuss appropriateness of removal of homeless encampments from County property; and,

WHEREAS, the conversation included the hardships imposed by the removal of individuals during the winter season, the difficulty with the current notice, potential health and land use issues, and the need for a better understanding of and solutions for homeless encampments; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners agreed to provide 30 days’ notice prior to removal of the encampment when possible and to attempt to discuss this issue with other local elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana, that:

The Board of Commissioners for Monroe County hereby directs its staff to provide no less than 30 days’ notice to removal of any unlawfully stored personal property as required by Monroe County Code Chapter 257, and that no notice be issued before March 2, 2026, for locations that a reasonable person would conclude that the property is associated with a homeless encampment. The directive shall remain in full force until rescinded, at a noticed Monroe County Board of Commissioner meeting or if an emergency is determined by law enforcement, the Monroe County Health Officer, or if requested by the City of Bloomington.

The Board of Commissioners for Monroe County resolves to request other Monroe County and City of Bloomington elected leaders to meet to discuss steps to address homelessness in the community.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2025.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

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