

RESOLUTION 2026-21
RESOLUTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2025-58 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, On Thursday, December 18, 2025 the Monroe County Board of Commissioners approved resolution 2025-38 regarding Notice to Homeless Encampments which the Commissioners agreed to provide 30-day notice prior to removal of encampments when possible; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-31.5-1 states “A person may not camp on, sleep on, or use for long term shelter land owned by the state or a political subdivision, unless the land has been authorized for that use by law”; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-31.5-3 places restrictions on political subdivision policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to give notices to all community members that the 30-day prior notice provision found in resolution 2025-58 have been made irrelevant by Indiana Code 36-1-31.5 et al; and,

WHEREAS, property remaining County owned property of anyone who is removed from the property by law enforcement after July 1, 2026 will be subject to the provisions of Monroe County Code Chapter 257; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have been engaged with other Monroe County and City of Bloomington Officials on this issue and find it unfortunate that those activities are affected by this legislation.

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

The Board of Commissioners for Monroe County have determined that the 30 day notice to remove any unlawfully stored personal property as required by Monroe County Commissioners resolution 2025-58 has been made irrelevant by Indiana Code 36-1-31.5 etal. That any person removed from a county owned property by law enforcement may have personal property removed under the terms of Monroe County Code Chapter 257. The 30 days’ notice requirement found in resolution 2025-58, is rescinded as of July 1, 2026.

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