

**A RESOLUTION of the Fort Wayne Common Council
to Recommend the City of Fort Wayne amend their policy on
Opening their Warming Stations to the Homeless Citizens
of Fort Wayne During the Coldest Times of the Year**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is experiencing the coldest months of the winter season; and

WHEREAS, the homeless population within our community is at risk of hypothermia, often compounded by alcohol or drug addiction(s) which causes more rapid heat loss through vasodilation; and

WHEREAS, many of our homeless citizens have other comorbidities such as malnutrition, mental illness, inadequate clothing and underlying infections, that pose a higher risk of hypothermia and other cold weather-related illnesses, including infection from frostbite and pneumonia; and

WHEREAS, life threatening hypothermia can occur at 32 degrees Fahrenheit with the addition of wind chill (see Exhibit A) and precipitation, markedly increasing loss of body heat;

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for the Homeless, in its report on Winter Homeless Services recommends opening shelters 24-hours a day to all those seeking shelter, when the ambient temperature is at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below; and

WHEREAS, cities across the country and the District of Columbia have policies in place to open shelters to the homeless 24-hours a day when ambient temperature reaches 32 degrees or lower;

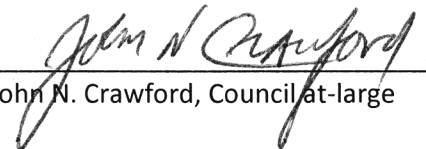
WHEREAS, statistics show that more than 700 homeless people die each year from hypothermia; and

1 WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne presently activates its designated warming
2 stations when the ambient temperature falls to 10 degrees Fahrenheit or below;

3 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL OF**
4 **FORTWAYNE, INDIANA, RECOMMENDS:**

5 **SECTION 1.** That the City of Fort Wayne opens its public warming stations
6 when ambient temperatures fall to 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, notwithstanding the
7 policies put in place by other agencies and/or organizations.

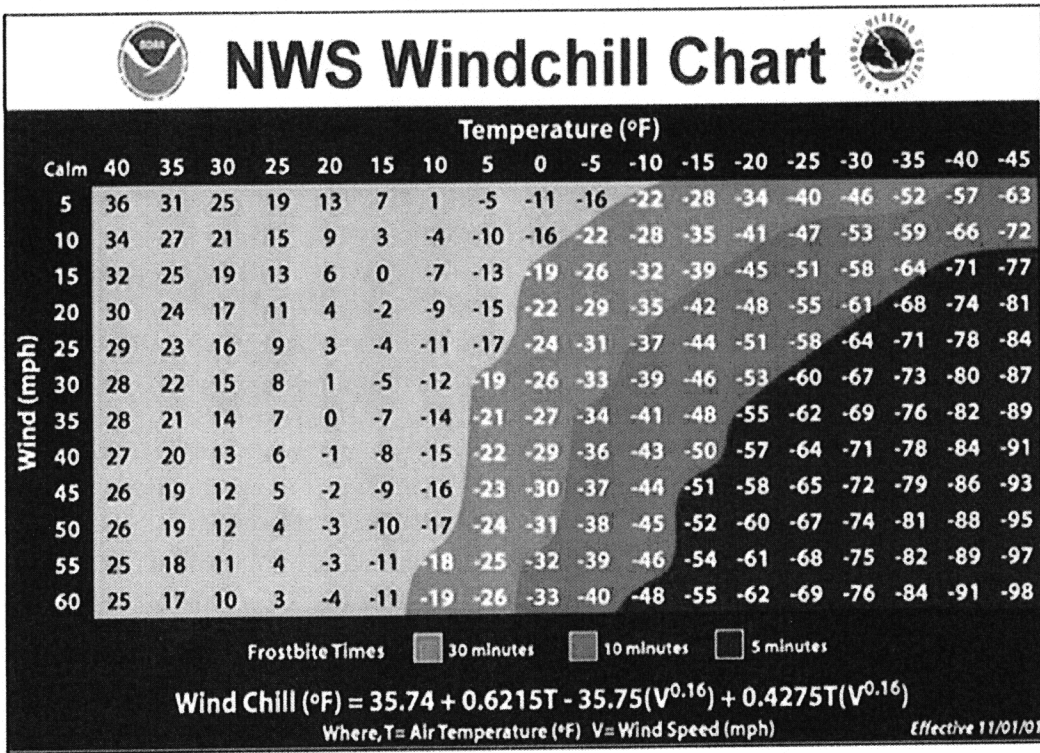
8 **SECTION 2.** That Common Council recommends to other agencies that operate
9 warming shelters or stations to open their shelter or station at temperatures not lower
10 than 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

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14 John N. Crawford, Council at-large

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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19 Joseph G. Bonahoom, Council Attorney
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EXHIBIT A



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Public Hearing Date, if applicable N/A

Read the first time in full and on motion by Councilman Tom Freistoffer,
Read the second time by title and referred to the Regulations Committee,
Read the third time in full and on motion by Councilman Tom Freistoffer
placed on its passage by the following vote:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
TOTAL VOTES	<u>8</u>			<u>1</u>
ARP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
BARANDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
CRAWFORD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DIDIER				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENSLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
FREISTROFFER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
HINES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
JEHL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
PADDOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

DATED: 01/12/2015

Lana R. Keesling
LANA R. KEESLING, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as (ANNEXATION) (APPROPRIATION) (GENERAL) (SPECIAL) (ZONING) (ORDINANCE) (RESOLUTION) NO. 16-01-01 on the 12th day of JANUARY, 2016

ATTEST:
Lana R. Keesling
LANA R. KEESLING,
CITY CLERK

MOM
PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 13th day of JANUARY, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM EST

Lana R. Keesling
LANA R. KEESLING, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____ 2012, at the hour of _____ o'clock _____ EST.

N/A
THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

BILL NO. R-16-01-02

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS

JANUARY 12, 2016

*Tom Didier, Chair
Tom Freistroffer, Co-Chair
All Council Members*

A RESOLUTION of the Fort Wayne Common Council to Recommend the City of Fort Wayne Warming Shelters be Made Available to the Homeless Citizens of Fort Wayne During the Coldest Times of the Year **COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID** Ordinance under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Common Council that said ordinance

DO PASS

DO NOT PASS

ABSTAIN

NO REC

<i>John W. Campbell</i>	_____	_____	_____
<i>James G. ...</i>	_____	_____	_____
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**LANA R. KEESLING
CITY CLERK**

Lana R. Keesling

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Fort Wayne, IN Code of Ordinances

§ 32.66 CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

(A) Certain resolutions that come before the Council for introduction, discussion and passage shall meet the following protocol:

(1) The resolution thesis shall have a direct primary effect on the citizens of the city.

(2) The resolution thesis shall pertain to:

(a) Activities of a local governmental entity, such as food and beverage tax use, parks and recreation, and local judicial system, which will directly affect the citizens of the city; or

(b) If the resolution is in support of legislation for the Indiana General Assembly or the United States Congress, the resolution thesis shall have sponsorship by a member of the local delegation to the Indiana General Assembly, i.e. nine Senators and Representatives from Fort Wayne/Allen County; and/or two Senators and one Representative to the United States Congress which have a direct effect on the citizens of the city.

(B) This protocol shall assist elected officials and citizens in judging acceptance of, or guidance in writing of, certain resolutions. The Common Council will be able to make a strong and effective stand in their support of certain regional and national legislation that will directly and primarily affect those people the Councilmembers have been elected to serve.

(C) This protocol shall not affect resolution theses that may be written and introduced for discussion and passage for city department specific needs, such as bond issues and other municipal borrowing, zoning issues, economic development issues, police and fire issues, other department policies and responsibilities that may be set forth by state statute.

(D) This protocol does not stand as an impediment to any member of the Common Council to bring forth a letter of support for a bill before the Indiana General Assembly, or United States Congress, that such letter may be circulated amongst the body for signature. An announcement shall be made at the beginning of a committee session that such letter of support shall be circulated, but no formal action shall be taken. Each elected official may sign or not, as he/she chooses.

→ (E) Certain resolutions that are introduced, discussed and passed by the Common Council are non-binding. They reflect the opinion of the elected official who signs the document.

(F) Other requests for written documents honoring certain persons shall meet the following protocol:

(1) A "certificate of honor" shall be written to organizations, groups or individuals that may request a resolution for recognition.

(2) The organization, group or individual shall provide written material about their subject for language composition at least two weeks before the certificate is needed.