

Legislation Text

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Discuss Citywide and Countywide Homelessness

**COUNCIL GOAL:** Enhance the Quality of Life In the City of McKinney

**MEETING DATE:** May 21, 2019

**DEPARTMENT:** Housing and Community Development

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### **RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

• Provide guidance to staff on next steps

### **ITEM SUMMARY:**

- The number of individuals experiencing homelessness has increased in McKinney in the last year.
- City Council would like to proactively respond to this issue and provide policy direction to mitigate the effects of homelessness - for business owners, residents, as well as those experiencing homelessness.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- During late 2018/early 2019, individuals without a permanent residence took overnight shelter in the courtyard of the Roy and Helen Hall Library. This resulted in debris in the courtyard and negatively impacted resident experience at the library.
- The courtyard is now gated and closed outside regular library hours.
- Downtown McKinney business owners have noted an increase in the number of individuals who appear to be homeless soliciting in and around businesses.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

• N/A

# BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

• N/A