

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALINAS AND THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY FOR THE MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE MOU ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SALINAS

WHEREAS, in December of 2023 the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to implement a pilot Mobile Crisis Services Program for one year and subsequently amended for an additional six months expiring on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this collaborative effort is to enhance crisis response and intervention services within the City of Salinas, ensuring a more specialized and equitable behavioral health approach to meet the unique needs of the specific population; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Crisis Field Response Team, managed by the County of Monterey and provided by Sierra Mental Wellness Group, will deliver face-to-face crisis response, triage, and stabilization services to individuals and families in the City of Salinas, with the aim of improving community wellness and reducing the need for restrictive services; and

WHEREAS, In calendar year 2024, countywide, there were 6,650 calls received by the crisis line, of which 1,579 crisis calls required a response by the team, of those calls 834 were for the City of Salinas (53%). In the first quarter of 2025, 72% of the calls for service were for the City of Salinas.

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the procedures for mobile crisis responders, ensuring timely responses, proper documentation, and adherence to service restrictions in specific settings; and

WHEREAS, based on the success of the pilot program, the City and the County have reached a new one-year MOU to continue the Mobile Crisis Services program in an amount not to exceed \$390,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salinas City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey for the Mobile Crisis Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$390,000.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Dennis Donohue, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk