

RESOLUTION NO. R2023.135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A JOINT STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF UNLAWFUL SOBER LIVING HOMES.

WHEREAS, properly licensed and operated sober living homes that are professionally and responsibly operated in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations are an asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, investigations by various state agencies and other governmental entities have uncovered various schemes and artifices being perpetrated by unlicensed and unlawful sober living homes throughout Maricopa County to victimize vulnerable individuals and defraud state agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Tempe, like its surrounding communities, has been negatively affected by these unlawful sober living homes; and

WHEREAS, The Tempe City Council would like the City government to take an active role in combatting unlawful sober living homes for the benefit of the Tempe community and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The City Council wishes to adopt a statement as a matter of policy on the City's efforts to address unlawful sober living homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1: That the City Council of Tempe, Arizona supports properly licensed and regulated sober living homes that comply with all city, county, and state laws and regulations and recognizes their value to the Tempe community.

Section 2: That unlawfully operated sober living homes endanger the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable residents and the larger Tempe community and divert valuable resources from those sober living homes being operated in compliance with the law.

Section 3: That the City Council wishes to send a clear message that the City government is actively working to assist state authorities with the problem of unlawful sober living homes, to enforce the City's codes and ordinances, and to help all residents who have been victimized by unlawful sober living homes.

Section 3: That the City Council of Tempe adopts the attached statement as policy in regard to addressing the problem of unlawful sober living homes

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE,
ARIZONA, this 28th day of September, 2023.

Corey D. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara A. DeArrastia, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia M. Blain, City Attorney