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**BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-07 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTERPARTS' EFFORTS TO KEEP THE COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDINGS WITHIN CITY LIMITS AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, the Monroe County government has been under the threat of legal action pertaining to unconstitutional conditions in the Monroe County jail, known as the Charlotte Zietlow Justice Center, since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the current plan for a jail at the Northpark property would remove the current jail from the downtown area and out of city limits. This includes no plan for alternatives to private transportation, which would deny services and access to many low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council unanimously passed a letter to the Monroe County Council and the Monroe County Board of Commissioners requesting "County officials not continue with the purchase of the north park site as the location for a new justice center." on October 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Council unanimously voted against authorizing the million purchase of the North Park site for the new Monroe County Jail on October 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026 the Monroe County Commissioners unanimously passed Resolution 2026-09, confirming that:

1. The Commissioners will continue to consider the North Park Site for the justice project.
2. The Commissioners will unilaterally reject any property that:
  - a. Will not allow for future co-location and expansion; and,
  - b. Will cause an unreasonable delay in the project.

WHEREAS, the Common Council maintains its position that a justice center at the North Park location will disproportionately impact low-income residents.

**Be It Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, that:**

**SECTION 1:** The Common Council stands with its County Council colleagues and their decision not to fund the purchase of the property at North Park.

**SECTION 2:** The Common Council will work with County Council and Commissioners to support an expedited permitting process for the construction of a new criminal justice center within city limits.

**Passed**

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon the 22nd day of April, 2026.

**Signature of Bloomington Common Council President:**



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President, Bloomington Common Council

**Attestation of Bloomington City Clerk:**



Nicole Bolden  
Clerk, City of Bloomington

**Presentation by Bloomington City Clerk:**

Presented by me to the Mayor of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 30th day of April, 2026:



Nicole Bolden  
Clerk, City of Bloomington

**Approval by Mayor:**

Signed and approved by me upon this upon the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026:



Kerry Thomson  
Mayor, City of Bloomington

**Synopsis**

This Resolution 2026-07, authored by Councilmembers Sydney Zulich and Courtney Daily, supports the Monroe County Council’s decision not to fund acquisition of the North Park site for a new criminal justice center and reaffirms the Bloomington Common Council’s position that such facilities should remain within city limits and near social services. This Resolution expresses concern about access impacts on low-income residents if relocated outside the city and commits to working with County officials to support an expedited permitting process for a justice center located within city limits.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Monroe County Commissioners, Monroe County Council, Legal, and Mayor.