



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** May 18, 2021

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** B. Francis, City Manager

**Subject:** Draft Ordinance to designate Swim Only areas

**Background:** The Council will also discuss several areas to designate as “swim only” areas. These areas will include those lake-side parks (Swann, Delia, Cross Lake, LaBelle, and Peninsular) and also a discussion on whether or not the City should consider designating the Sandbar as a swim only area.

I have been in contact with representatives of the FWC to discuss the swim only areas and the City will need to pass a local ordinance to do so, but the FWC Commission does not have to approve an ordinance that designates a swim only area. However the City must apply for Waterway markers to mark the swim areas. FWC Boating and Waterways Section will work with the City on the buoys and/or signage needed to properly mark these areas. Once they are designated and properly marked as “Swim Only” areas, they will be vessel exclusion zones.

**Staff Recommendation:** Move forward with a first reading of the ordinance, but determine the disposition of the Sandbar.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that we direct the City staff to draft the ordinance in its final form to be read for the 1<sup>st</sup> time at the June 1, 2021 Council meeting.

**Alternatives:** Continue to make changes to the draft ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:** None at this time

**Attachments:** Draft Ordinance ”