

## HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP APRIL 16, 2024, AT 06:30 PM Cover Sheet

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## **ITEM TITLE:**

Discussion of Ordinance on Homelessness in the Town of Eatonville (Councilwoman Randolph)

## **TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: LEGISLATIVE
INTRODUCTIONS		Exhibits:
CONSENT AGENDA		Sample Ordinances for Consideration.
COUNCIL DISCUSSION	YES	
ADMINISTRATIVE		

**REQUEST:** To discuss Ordinances on Homelessness within the Town of Eatonville.

**SUMMARY:** The Town of Eatonville has recently been experiencing an increase in homelessness. In a wooded area just barely outside of the Town of Eatonville boundaries, homelessness is prevalent. The individuals were displaced by the owner having equipment to clean up the area. Sources stated that there were approximately 20 or more residing in the wooded area along Forest City Road and business districts living in deplorable and unsanitary conditions. Homelessness has an effect on mental illnesses, crime, and housing. It is important to provide critical resources in understanding the needs and characteristics of people experiencing homelessness in the Town of Eatonville. An ordinance will help our community with addressing related to instability among homeless individuals within the Town.

The topic on Homeless in Eatonville was discussed at the Town Council meeting in May and September of 2023. It is being brough back to further discuss adopting an Ordinance for addressing the homeless situation in the Town. Sample ordinances are being provided for the Council to review and offer feedback on ordinances for the Town. The samples are only a guide and may or may not present language that will not be relevant to the town's needs.

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: Recommend Town Council discuss Ordinances on Homelessness within the Town of Eatonville.

## FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A