



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### MAY 21, 2024, AT 7:30 PM

### Cover Sheet

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**ITEM TITLE:** Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2024-1 Camping on Public Property and Right of Way in the Town of Eatonville (**Legislative**)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>		<b>Department:</b> LEGISLATIVE
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>	YES	<b>Exhibits:</b>  - Ordinance 2024-2 Ordinances on Camping on Public Property or ROW in Eatonville
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** To approve Ordinance 2014-2 on Camping on Public Property and Right of Way within the Town of Eatonville.

**SUMMARY:** The Town of Eatonville has recently been experiencing an increase in misuse and camping on public property and right of way. 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 brought 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend Town Council approve Ordinance 2024-2 on Camping on Public Property and Right of Way within the Town of Eatonville.

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:** N/A