

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** December 6, 2022

**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney

**TITLE:**

Resolution No. 88-2022 – Acknowledging City Commission’s Continued Commitment to Enforcement of Laws to Protect Public Safety while Respecting First Amendment Rights

**SUMMARY:**

A resolution acknowledging the City Commission’s continued commitment to enforce laws to protect public safety in light of the repeal of the City’s panhandling and solicitation ordinances due to recent Florida caselaw.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The current state of the law in Florida prohibits local governments from prohibiting the exercise of First Amendment rights that are associated with panhandling/solicitation; however, the City is committed to continuing the enforcement of laws that address threats to public safety. There are several state statutes that protect the safety of residents and visitors including, but not limited to, assault, battery, loitering, and impeding traffic. The City Commission and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office remain steadfast in the continued enforcement of these laws and other applicable laws to ensure public safety and in their commitment to respect individuals who are lawfully exercising their First Amendment rights.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 88-2022 acknowledging the City Commission’s Continued Commitment to Enforcement of Laws to Protect Public Safety while Respecting First Amendment Rights.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A  
Resolution 88-2022