

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: January 7, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2024-21 – Second Reading – amending Chapter 15 “Offenses - Miscellaneous,” Article I “In General,” to add Section 15-22 “Facility Rules” and Section 15-23 “Trespass Warnings on Public Property and Other Property Generally Open to the Public” and amend Section 15-29 “Lodging in Public Areas or in Parked Vehicles in Public Spaces” to prohibit sleeping in public areas in the City, in response to legislation effective October 1, 2024

SUMMARY/ BACKGROUND:

The legislature recently passed House Bill 1365, which became effective on October 1, 2024, and prohibits local governments from allowing sleeping in public areas. The proposed Ordinance establishes facility rules for City facilities and a means of enforcement through trespass. City staff and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office have collaborated in the drafting of this Ordinance.

The City Commission approved the Ordinance by a vote of 4 – 1 at its December 3, 2024 meeting, with changes that have been made and highlighted.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2024-21 amending Chapter 15 “Offenses - Miscellaneous,” Article I “In General,” to add Section 15-22 “Facility Rules” and Section 15-23 “Trespass Warnings on Public Property and Other Property Generally Open to the Public” and amend Section 15-29 “Lodging in Public Areas or in Parked Vehicles in Public Spaces” to prohibit sleeping in public areas in the City.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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