



Memorandum

Meeting Details: December 13, 2023, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Prepared For: Honorable Mayor Rostek and Board of Commissioners

From: Community Development Department

Subject: Ordinance 2023-21 Dune Protection and Beach Debris, 1st Reading and Public Hearing

Background: The Madeira Beach Code of Ordinances Chapter 42, Article III, Beach Debris does not allow enforcement of camping, removal, or disturbance of the dune systems, and does not address commercial property on the beach.

Discussion: The Pinellas County Sheriff Office deputies discussed with staff that there is no provision in the Code that allows them to enforce the disturbance of the dune systems, camping near the dunes, or commercial property on the beach. There have been false crawls and disturbances to nesting sea turtles due to commercial property not being put up during the night. The deputies have discussed this with code enforcement in St Pete Beach and recommend adopting similar language from the St Pete Beach Land Development Code into the Madeira Beach Code of Ordinances.

Fiscal Impact: N/A.

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends amending the Madeira Beach Code of Ordinances to include similar language to St Pete Beach's Land Development Code to better equip the deputies to protect the important dune system and marine wildlife.

Attachments:

- Ordinance 2023-21 Dune Protection and Beach Debris
- St Pete Beach Land Development Code Sec. 25-5 Prohibitions
- FWC Marine Turtle Obstructed Nesting Attempt Report