City of Pensacola



Memorandum

File #: 08-21 City Council 2/11/2021

ADD-ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 08-21 - AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE EVICTION. DISPLACEMENT OR RELOCATION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve Proposed Ordinance No. 08-21 on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE EVICTION, DISPLACEMENT OR RELOCATION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The area within Hollice T. Williams Park located under the I-110 overpass has become a homeless encampment. Due to complaints of unsanitary conditions, City Administration is planning to temporarily close the park and displace some 50 individuals. The Centers of Disease Control recommends against relocation of homeless encampments due to the spread of Covid-19. It is necessary to allow a 90-day moratorium on the eviction, displacement, or relocation of homeless individuals until such time as they are permanently, or temporarily provided with shelter and housing adequate to protect them and the citizens of the City of Pensacola from the spread of Covid-19.

PRIOR ACTION:

The City provided notice of plans to temporarily close Hollice T. Williams Park by early March 2020 in order to conduct a thorough cleanup

FUNDING:

N/A

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Proposed Ordinance No. 08-21

PRESENTATION: No