



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 2021-73

City Council

9/23/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Vice President Ann Hill

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73 - PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE EVICTION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE EVICTION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ENCAMPED UNDER THE I-110 OVERPASS AND WITHIN THE HOLLICE T. WILLIAMS PARK IN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA; PROVIDING FOR 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. On February 11, 2021, City Council passed Resolution No. 2021-09, on April 22, 2021 City Council passed Resolution No. 2021-22, and on July 15, 2021 City Council passed Resolution No. 2021-48 desiring the placement of a moratorium on the eviction of homeless individuals within the park.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends against relocation of homeless encampments due to the spread of COVID-19. With the subsequent expiration of the most recent 90-day moratorium approaching, set to expire on or about October 13, 2021, it is necessary to place an additional 90-day moratorium on the eviction 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, especially during this time of rising numbers of hospitalizations which seem to be COVID related.

PRIOR ACTION:

July 15, 2021 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-48 placing a moratorium on the eviction of homeless individuals located within Hollice T. Williams Park

April 22, 2021 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-22 placing a moratorium on the eviction of homeless individuals located within Hollice T. Williams Park

February 11, 2021 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-09 placing a moratorium on the eviction of homeless individuals located within Hollice T. Williams Park.

The City provided notice of plans to temporarily close Hollice T. Williams Park by early March 2021 in order to conduct a thorough cleanup.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution No. 2021-73

PRESENTATION: No