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**MEMORANDUM**

September 20, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Norman Foster, Director *Norman S. Foster*  
Office of Management and Budget

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement  
Proposed Ordinance Pertaining to Public Camping or Sleeping

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**Summary**

Chapter 2024-11, Laws of Florida (HB 1365, Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping) will become effective on October 1, 2024. Among the provisions of that law is the prohibition of counties and municipalities from authorizing or otherwise allowing public camping or sleeping on public property. Additionally, a resident of the county, an owner of a business in the county, or the Attorney General may bring a civil action in court against a county or municipality found in violation of this prohibition. The proposed ordinance prohibits any person from public camping and sleeping and establishes penalties for violating the ordinance, requires verbal or written warnings be given to individuals before arrest or citation, requires the County to designate on the County's website a method of receiving written notices by residents or business owners concerning violations of the ordinance, and adds public camping or sleeping as an eligible offense under the Broward County Adult Civil Citation Program.

**Fiscal Impact**

The number of written notices received by the county, and the number of citations issued by Broward County Sheriff and/or municipal law enforcement, are both uncertain at this time. Thus the anticipated impact on county resources is difficult to estimate. Nevertheless, additional resources will be needed to respond to written notices to cure the alleged violations, as well as to accommodate increased participants in the Adult and Juvenile Services Civil Citation Programs. The initial estimate is that two additional county staff would be needed, as well as additional contracted resources. The costs of these staff and resources are estimated at \$280,000 per year.

Additionally, some increase in the cost of program services is expected. An estimate of those costs cannot be determined at this time and will depend upon the number of individuals determined to be eligible to participate in the Adult Civil Citation Program and the Human Services Department's recommended course of action for the participants, as well as impacts for those not eligible.

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