



FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 1365

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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INTRODUCTION

- Analysis of HB 1365 from a legal and regulatory perspective
- Collaborating with neighboring jurisdictions including Broward County and municipalities
- Reviewing operations and staffing to align with requirements of HB 1365
- Developing policy recommendations for the City to be compliant with HB 1365



ANALYSIS OF HB 1365

- A municipality may not authorize or allow any person to regularly camp or sleep on public property.
- A county resident or business owner or the Attorney General may bring civil action if the city does not comply with Subsection (2) of HB 1365.
- Requirements to file a civil action against the city:
 - Applicant provided written notice to the governing board
 - Jurisdiction has (5) business days to cure the alleged violation
 - Jurisdiction did not take all reasonable action to cure the violation within (5) business days.



COMPLIANCE WITH HB 1365

- A municipality may not authorize or allow any person to regularly camp or sleep on public property.
 - Enact a City of Fort Lauderdale ordinance to address the requirement
 - Prohibition of public camping that aligns with HB 1365
 - Prohibition of public camping at any time of day
 - Penalty for violating the ordinance.
 - Utilize Broward County proposed ordinance
 - Other jurisdictions are either considering an ordinance or have an existing ordinance.

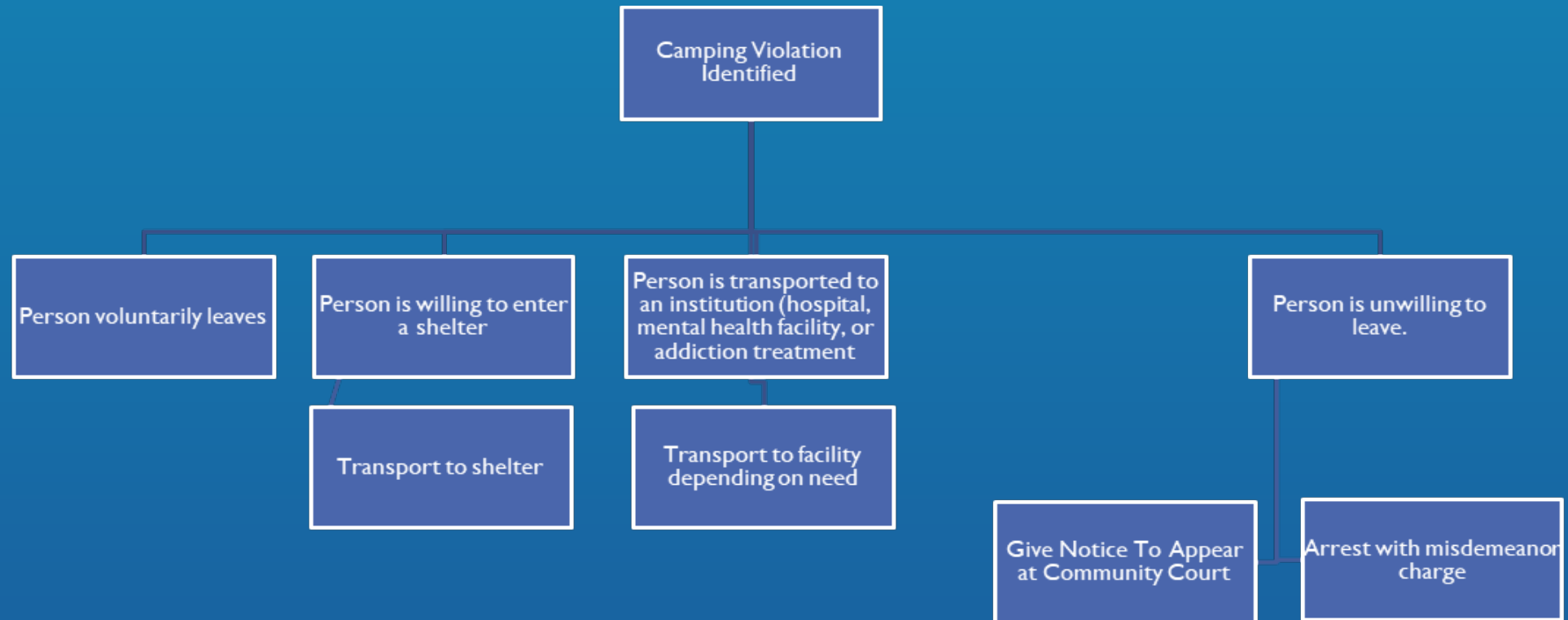


COMPLIANCE WITH HB 1365

- Complaint intake via FIXITFTL app and City website
 - Written
 - Will have a specific request type and required fields to capture information required by HB 1365
 - Provides follow up directly to whomever submitted the request
 - Allows for transparency and the tracking of request data
- Operational response
 - Reassignment of two (2) vacant positions to administrative staff in Neighbor Support
 - Full compliment of six Law Enforcement Officers to the Homeless Outreach Team
 - Support from Park Rangers and Code Compliance Inspectors
 - Task Force for Ending Homelessness



INTERACTION UNDER CAMPING BAN



Shelter Space

- HB 1365 allows the County to designate county owned or municipal property for overnight camping.
 - Designation of municipal property by the county requires a majority vote of the municipal governing body in favor of the designation.
 - Site may be used for up to one year.
 - Florida Department of Children and Families must certify the site meets the requirements of the statute.
 - There are not sufficient shelter beds within the county
 - Site is not contiguous to residential uses
 - Site will not negatively impact the property values and the safety of surrounding properties
 - The site meets the operational and management standards of the statute



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An aerial photograph of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, showing a mix of urban development and natural beauty. In the foreground, a wide, sandy beach is dotted with people and colorful umbrellas. The ocean waves are breaking gently onto the shore. Behind the beach, a row of modern high-rise apartment buildings stands prominently. Further inland, a large body of water, likely a canal or bay, is filled with numerous boats and surrounded by more residential and commercial buildings. The city skyline extends into the distance under a clear blue sky.

FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS



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