



# FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 1365

## AUGUST 20, 2024



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.

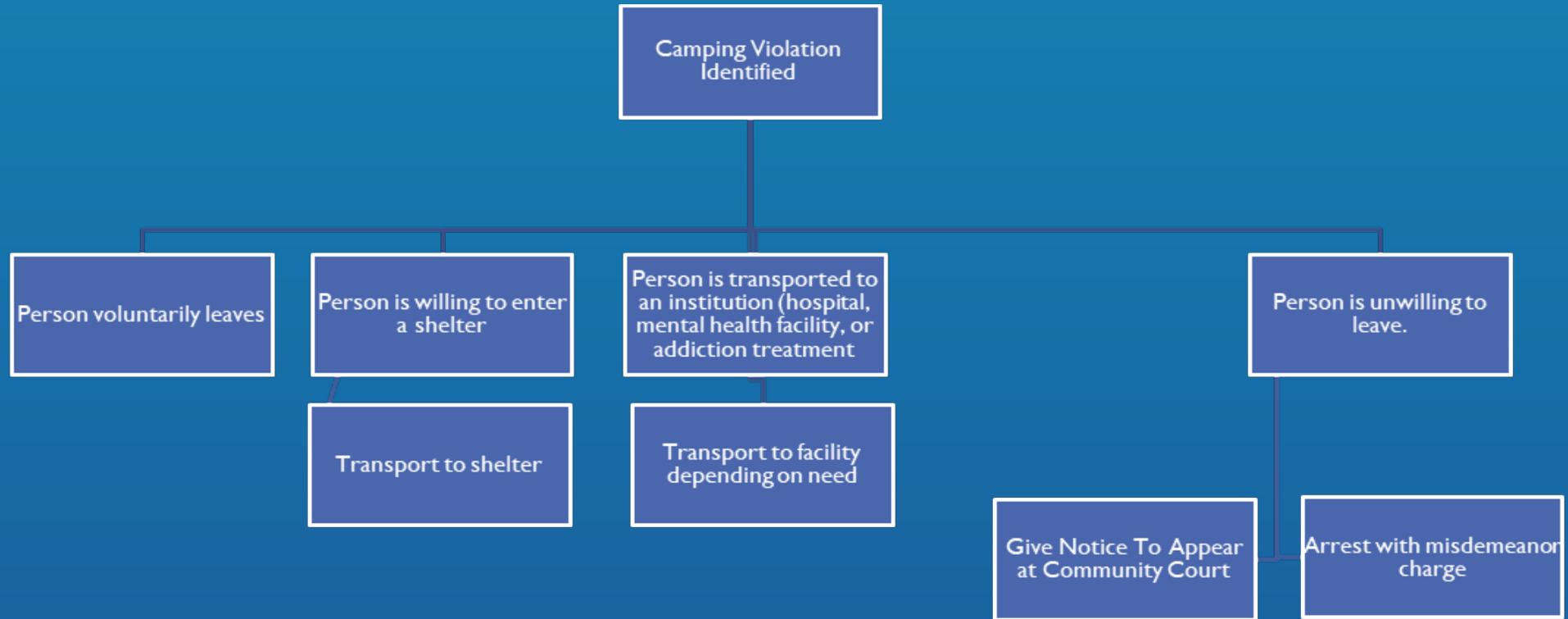


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- Complaint intake via FIXITFTL app and City website
  - Written
  - Will have a specific request type and required fields to capture information required by HB 1365
  - Provides follow up directly to whomever submitted the request
  - Allows for transparency 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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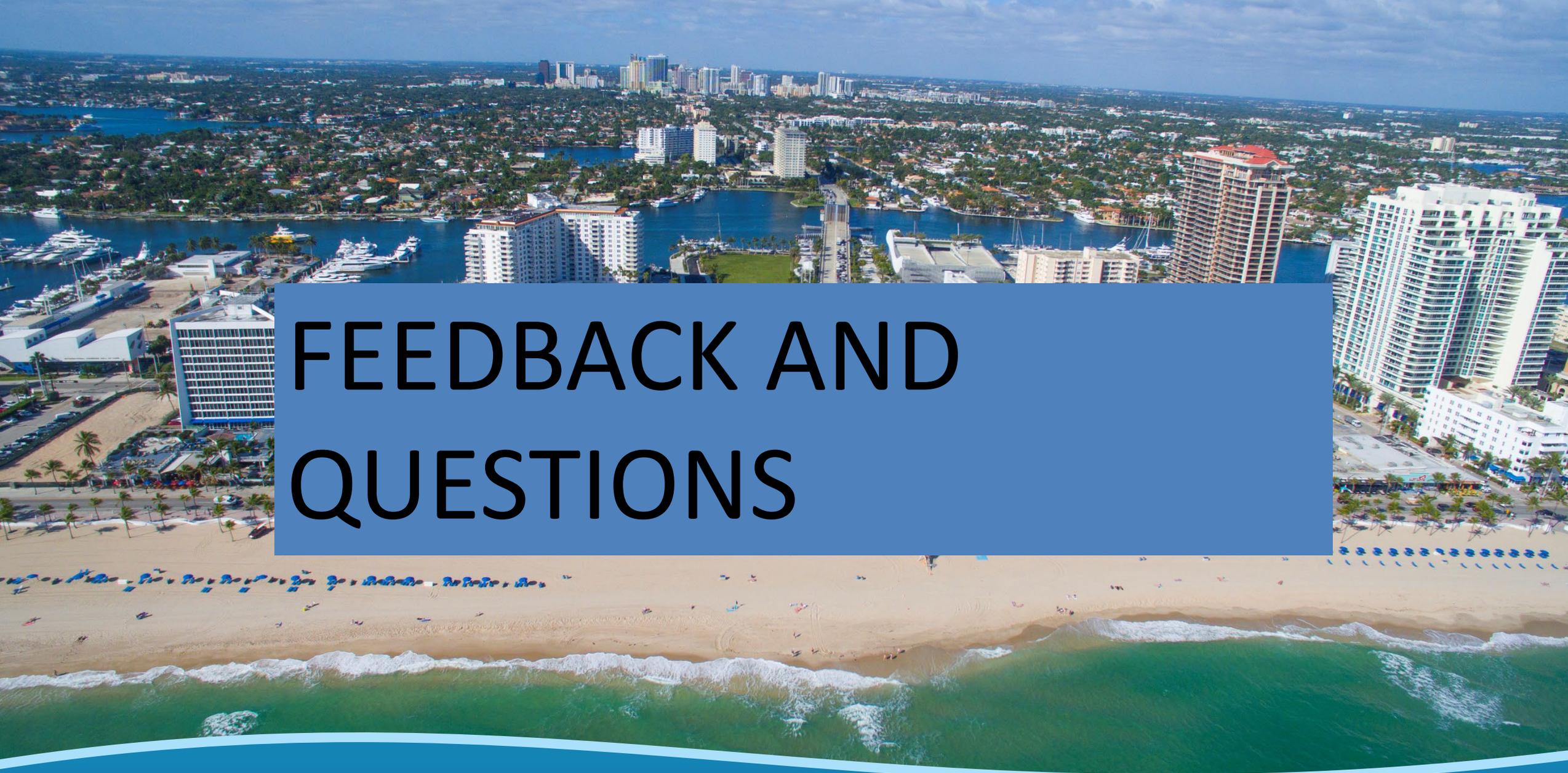
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# FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS



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