

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0223

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Peluso

Date of Introduction: March 25, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: March 21, 2025

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Section 86.104 (Functions, Powers, and Duties), Chapter 86 (Homelessness Initiatives Commission) of the Ordinance Code to extend the deadline for the creation of an initial annual action plan to December 31, 2025. The bill also requests a one cycle emergency passage pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.

Background Information: The City Council established the Homelessness Initiatives Commission on March 12, 2024, pursuant to Ordinance 2024-0111-E. Appointments to the Commission were not complete until August 27, 2024. Due to the delay in the appointments, the original deadlines for the creation of the initial annual Action Plan and the five-year Strategic Plan were extended to March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2025, respectively, pursuant to Ordinance 2024-765-E.

After the passage of House Bill 1365 in 2024 in the Florida Legislature and the City Council's passage of Ordinance 2024-687-E, the Commission focused on monitoring the City's implementation of these laws. While monitoring the effects of these two laws, the Commission worked to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to facilitate the creation of a one-year Action Plan and a five-year Strategic Plan. This RFP was published on March 12, 2025, and a consultant will be in place no sooner than approximately 12 weeks from publication of the RFP.

This legislation would extend the deadline for the one-year Action Plan to December 31, 2025, matching the date set for the five-year Strategic Plan, to accommodate the installation of the consultant and creation of the plans.

Policy Impact Area: Homelessness Initiatives Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

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