

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 30, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

REGARDING: Ordinance 2020-31 Panhandling Second Reading and Public Hearing

SYNOPSIS: *Ordinance 2020-31 restricts panhandling in certain areas*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Ordinance 2020-31 after second reading and public hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Commission, at a prior meeting, discussed the need for a new panhandling ordinance after hearing concerns from the Community. Ordinance 2019-02 repealed previous provisions of Section 15-14 concerning solicitation, aggressive solicitation, and panhandling due to numerous court rulings which found Ordinances of the type previously enacted by the City and other governmental entities to be unconstitutional.

Ordinance 2020-31 addresses the need to restrict panhandling in Lake Wales that may interfere with the public health, welfare and safety of our citizens.

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve Ordinance 2020-31 or modify it.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 2020-31