



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Police Department

Memorandum No. _____

Date February 25, 2025

To: Juan Pinillos, Chief of Police
 Via chain-of-command

From: Jonathan Wilson, Acting Major

Subject: House Bill 1365 and Senate Bill 1530

The purpose of this memorandum is to define the necessity of City of North Miami Beach (NMB) Ordinance and North Miami Beach Police Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) relating to “public camping” and “public sleeping”.

Effective October 1, 2024, Florida House Bill #1365 and Senate Bill #1530 went into effect. The bill preempts counties and municipalities from authorizing individuals to regularly sleep or camp on public property, at public buildings, or on public rights-of-way within their jurisdictions. The prohibitions against camping or sleeping on public property do not apply when the Governor has declared a state of emergency or when local officers have declared a local state of emergency.

The bill authorizes a resident, local business owner, or the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a county or municipality to enjoin practices of allowing unlawful sleeping or camping on public property. When filing an application for an injunction, the plaintiff must also file an affidavit demonstrating that the governmental entity has been notified of the problem and that the problem has not been cured. A prevailing plaintiff may recover reasonable expenses incurred in bringing the action.