



# Health and Safety Ordinances Public Hearing(s)

City Commission 7/11/2023



# Today's Objectives

- Background of Public Safety Committee work
- Provide overview of proposed ordinance changes
- Receive public testimony
- Direct changes, if any, to ordinances and set date for final action

# Background -- City Service Enhancement & Additional Supportive Service Investments

- Additional Rapid Rehousing investments (\$500,000)
- Commitment to align street outreach efforts around housing first approach, transparency and accountability
- Focused effort on housing readiness – “fusion center” @ Crossroads Bible Church
- Pro-active cleaning program in specific corridors, parks and parking ramps
- Coordinated complaint referrals
- Additional investment in private security
- More enforcement of city codes and ordinances related to aggressive behavior and public health issues
- Improved protocols around identifying and storing personal property

# Proposed Regulatory Approaches

- Limit the storage of personal property on public property
- Prohibit certain conduct during in and around commercial locations or commercial transactions

# Personal Property

Amendment to the nuisance code would:

- Add definitions around property, excess property, essential property, storage, etc
- Prohibit storage of unattended or excess personal property on public property, including rights of way and parks
- Allow the City to impound, with or without prior notice, depending on situation, personal property
- Require storage and an opportunity to reclaim impounded property
- Align with and strengthen, current efforts to manage property in public places
- Be enforced by the staff responsible for cleaning and maintenance of public properties

# Disorderly Conduct

Proposed amendment to “miscellaneous offenses” provision of criminal code would:

- Add definitions of “loitering” and “accost”
  - “loitering” means lingering or hanging around in a public area without any apparent purpose for being there. Loitering includes but is not limited to intentionally blocking or interfering with others’ ability to safely use public spaces and rights-of-way
  - “accost” means repeated nonconsensual conduct directed to another person in such a manner as would cause a reasonable person to feel harassed or intimidated or that a commission of a criminal act was about to occur
- Prohibit loitering in public buildings or private premises, or within doorways
- Prohibit accosting another person while
  - Operating an ATM
  - In any public transportation vehicle or stop
  - In any outdoor dining area or outdoor food/beverage space
  - At special events

# Next Steps

- Direct any desired changes to ordinances
- Set July 25 (or alternative date) for final action