



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading City Council Meeting August 10, 2021
Second Reading City Council Meeting August 17, 2021

DATE: August 10, 2021

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Ordinance to prohibit sitting or lying in public right-of-way within the Corpus Christi Central Business District, North Beach, and Flour Bluff.

CAPTION:

Ordinance adding Section 49 - 16 to the Corpus Christi Code to prohibit sitting or lying in public right-of-way within the Corpus Christi Central Business District, North Beach, and Flour Bluff; and providing for penalty of up to \$500 per violation.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance will prohibit the sitting or lying in public right-of-ways within the Corpus Christi Central Business District, North Beach, and Flour Bluff. The ordinance will increase access to businesses and promote safe travel on public sidewalks.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Persons sitting or lying in the public right-of-way hinders the free movement of others and creates a threat to public safety. Violators of the ordinance would be those hindering the unobstructed passage of a person, requiring of others to take evasive action to avoid physical contact, blocking the passage of others entering or leaving a building, or requiring others entering or leaving a building to take evasive action to avoid physical contact.

The Ordinance does not impact those who are sitting or lying down due to a medical emergency or disability, conducting business with an establishment that is legally operating on the sidewalk such a café, watching a parade or similar event, using a bench, waiting for public or private transportation or if there is no availability at overnight shelter

in the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative is to not adopt the Ordinance and continue to allow people to sit or lie in the public right-of-way.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 49-16.
– Sitting or lying down in the right-of-way.

Funding Detail:

Fund: NA
Organization/Activity: NA
Mission Element: NA
Project # **(CIP Only)**: NA
Account: NA

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approval of the Ordinance to prohibit sitting of lying in the public-right-of way.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance