

## OMB Granicus Review

<b>Granicus Title</b>	Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 86, related to the County Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance.				
<b>Granicus ID#</b>	23-1933A	<b>Reference #</b>		<b>Date</b>	12/11/2023

**Mark all Applicable Boxes:**

Type of Review									
<b>CIP</b>		<b>Grant</b>		<b>Other</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Project</b>	

**Fiscal Information:**

<b>New Contract (Y/N)</b>	N	<b>Original Amount</b>	NA
<b>Fund(s)</b>	NA	<b>Amount of Change (+/-)</b>	
<b>Cost Center(s)</b>	NA	<b>Total Amount</b>	NA
<b>Program(s)</b>	NA	<b>Amount Available</b>	Total NA
<b>Account(s)</b>	NA	<b>Included in Applicable Budget? (Y/N)</b>	This ordinance change has no fiscal impact to Pinellas County. Additionally, this change creates no new business impacts.
<b>Fiscal Year(s)</b>	NA		

### Description & Comments

(What is it, any issues found, is there a financial impact to current/next FY, does this contract vary from previous FY, etc.)

Human Services is requesting the approval to conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed amendments to the County Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance revising County Code Section 86-106, clarifying definitions to align with recent statutory changes to exclude products for fentanyl testing to promote the health, safety, and welfare of residents.

- In 2005, Pinellas County adopted resolution 05-195 to establish a Drug Paraphernalia Abatement Task Force (Task Force) to review community impacts. As a result of Task Force recommendations, the County adopted Ordinance 06-73, to help mitigate possible community impact and limit access by youth.
- Since adopting the ordinance, Pinellas has experienced the impacts of the prescription drug epidemic and the resulting opioid crisis from the illicit drug market, with 597 overdose-related deaths in 2022.
- In recent years, fentanyl has emerged as a major drug of concern driving overdoses nationwide. Often individuals are unaware of the presence of fentanyl resulting in severe risk of fentanyl poisoning, hospitalization, and death.
- In response to this growing threat, the State of Florida passed Senate Bill 164 revising drug paraphernalia definitions to exclude products for fentanyl testing effective July 1, 2023 in order to help reduce possible overdoses and save lives.
- Based on the statutory change, Pinellas County is seeking to quickly incorporate the same exclusion locally to help protect the health and safety of our residents.
- Human Services anticipates a full review of this ordinance in the coming year to receive updated stakeholder input, assess updates and ongoing needs, and define recommended changes.
- This ordinance change has no fiscal impact to Pinellas County. Additionally, this change creates no new business impacts.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Human Services anticipates that this proposed ordinance changes will require no additional staff time or fiscal impact.

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**Ok to Sign:** ☒