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Office of Homeless Solutions Program Report

This report is issued monthly to provide the City Council with an update regarding the City's ongoing efforts to address homelessness within our community by the Office of Homeless Solutions. This report does not encompass the totality of the City's efforts to address homelessness but rather provides a review of the key highlights from the preceding month and an update on major upcoming projects.

Summary

The City of Phoenix is committed to working with the community, service providers, and our regional partners to implement regional solutions to address homelessness and mitigate impacts to neighborhoods. The information below are highlights from the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) in the areas of shelter, outreach, procurement and success stories.

Human Services Campus Enhanced Clean Up Pilot

On Jan. 4, 2023, OHS staff which included the Deputy Director, Program Coordinator, Homeless Outreach Team Coordinator and three Homeless Liaisons, went to 12th Avenue between Madison and Jefferson for the second Enhanced Cleaning Pilot around the Human Services Campus (HSC). The OHS staff joined members of Community Bridges Inc. (CBI) and the Human Services Campus to engage individuals along this block about shelter services. In total, 40 people expressed interest in entering a shelter and were transported by CBI to either Rio Fresco, the 28th Street and Washington Shelter, Respiro, Maricopa County Bridge Housing Hotel, or the CBI Bridge program. The people that decided not to go to a shelter were guided by OHS, CBI and HSC staff to place their tents and belongings in a staging area while the Streets Transportation Department conducted an enhanced cleaning of the block. Many unsheltered individuals stayed with their tents and items while the cleaning occurred. After the cleaning, OHS, CBI and HSC assisted the people with taking their belongings back to where they were originally camping.

Shelter Projects

Phoenix invested in four major projects to create and provide 475 new indoor shelter beds prior to the heat of the summer of 2022 and an additional 175 beginning Nov. 16, 2022, for a total of 592 new beds added in 2022. The attached tables (**Attachment A**)

represent the bed utilization at the four shelters and an unsheltered count around the Human Services Campus including:

- Number of unduplicated clients served at the Washington Relief Center;
- Number of unduplicated clients served at Respiro;
- Number of unduplicated clients served at Rio Fresco;
- Average monthly usage at the Central Arizona Shelter Services Single Adult Shelter; and,
- Daily count of the area immediately surrounding the Human Services Campus of unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness and the various types of tents and alternate shelters found.

Rio Fresco Shelter Update and Success Story

The City of Phoenix invested \$8.1 million to fund the lease of 117 hotel rooms to be used as emergency shelter with eventual purchase option. The shelter opened on Nov. 16, 2022, and has experienced early successes, providing shelter to 109 unduplicated persons as of Jan. 13, 2023.

The first resident at Rio Fresco, a female grandmother, was experiencing homelessness and was unsheltered prior to entering Rio Fresco. She noted that residing in her new room at the shelter, “is a big change compared to [being] outside in 30- and 40-degree...temperature waiting for the sun to come up so you can get some heat, waiting for the facility to open up.” She wanted to share the message to everyone to keep hope alive and never give up and that staying at the “warm, clean, safe, friendly, caring, concerned shelter...with three meals a day” gives her hope to get to the next level and get into permanent housing. She continues to reside at Rio Fresco and is working on her permanent housing plan with hopes to have a better life.

Success Story

A female and her five children, aged 14, 12, 8, and 2-year-old twins, were experiencing homelessness after deciding to relocate to Arizona from California, where cost of living expenses were getting too high. She had exhausted her funds from living in a hotel, and the family was sleeping in their vehicle for a month when a unit at the Salvation Army’s Emergency Shelter became available. Once in the program, the client’s goal was to lift her family out of poverty. She enrolled in a month-long commercial driving school and adhered to the shelter program expectations. She passed her CDL exams and obtained her certification and commercial driver’s license (CDL). Not only was she able to receive employment in a CDL position, but she was also able to secure affordable housing for her family through the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program. She was grateful to the Salvation Army staff for assisting her in her journey to further her education, obtain employment and secure safe affordable housing.

Success Story

CBI Outreach Team encountered a client in a place not meant for habitation. The client had been experiencing homelessness for approximately 2.5 years while suffering from multiple substance abuse addictions. The client had a pet dog that was more of an emotional support animal, that he didn't want to give up if he went into a treatment program. Staff were able to find a temporary shelter for the animal while the client was placed in a detox/treatment facility. He is currently clean and sober, participating in programs that will enable him to live a productive life.

Success Story

A family of seven, including female client, two grown children, an elderly mother, and two grandchildren, arrived at Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) Vista Colina shelter after qualifying for the rapid rehousing temporary assistance program. The client was struggling with stable employment because she was helping her adult children raise their children and caring for her elderly mother. Being Native American, she is receiving benefits through their tribe, along with her children and mother. The income assisted them into a three-bedroom apartment and a stable place to call home.

Upcoming Shelter Projects

OHS is investing in seven major projects which are expected to complete in 2023-24 and provide a total of 800 new indoor shelter/transitional beds to the region.

The attached tables (**Attachment B**) represent an updated summary of new shelter beds created with City of Phoenix investments including the 592 new indoor shelter beds in 2022, and the additional 800 indoor shelter beds that are in process and expected to be completed during 2023-24. The total new beds to be created during the 2022-24 time frame is 1,392.

OHS Success Story

An OHS Caseworker II encountered an elderly woman experiencing homelessness who had been coming to St Vincent De Paul's Day Food Bank for approximately two years. During outreach, the caseworker learned that the elderly woman identified as Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) and when she became homeless, she disengaged from her clinic and stopped collecting her Social Security checks. She reported after losing her apartment she "just gave up." The caseworker assisted her with reinstating her Social Security benefits, connecting with Lifewell, her SMI clinic, and developing a plan to obtain affordable housing and case management services through the City of Phoenix.

Pathways Home - Regional Shelter Bed Creation Update

The Pathways Home - A Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal

Governments, includes three action steps leading to the target goal of reducing homelessness by 25 percent by 2027; one of which is increasing safe housing options. According to the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care lead, approximately 300 new permanent shelter, transitional, or substance use treatment beds have been created since 2020 or are set to open within the balance of Maricopa County, in the cities of Avondale, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Surprise, and Tempe. The jurisdictions of Chandler, Mesa, and Maricopa County are also currently operating important hotel shelter units with American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds; however, these are not anticipated to continue past 2024 due to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding deadlines. The attached tables (**Attachment C**) represent a summary of the approximate number of beds in the regional shelter and transitional bed pipeline.

Behavioral Health Engagement Team

The Behavioral Health Engagement Team (BET) is a new partnership between the Office of Homeless Solutions, Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI), and the Phoenix Police Department that launched on Dec. 15, 2022. The goal of the BET is to address a specific area located at 51st Avenue and Baseline Road during the pilot stages of the program and expand after the proof of concept. While most outreach teams focus on addressing homelessness as a root issue, this team specializes in understanding that this area has been hit hard by the opioid epidemic. Homelessness may sometimes be a side effect of the abuse of fentanyl, so this team is working to address the issues holistically. OHS and CBI are working to create relationships with treatment/detox centers, as well as shelters, providing case management throughout their journey of getting off the streets. Partnering with the Police Department during outreach provides safety for the community and accountability for individuals who are striving for change. The program is seeing early successes in its pilot stage.

Procurements

On Nov. 1, 2022, the Human Services Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for 'Homeless Services,' and proposals were due on Dec. 9, 2022. The next step in the process will be evaluation by the panel and award recommendation to Formal City Council. Award recommendation is anticipated to be presented to Formal City Council in April 2023. The six eligible activity types included in the RFP are:

- Emergency Crisis Shelter for Families Prioritized by Phoenix Public Safety and Human Services Officials;
- Rapid Rehousing and Housing Stabilization Support;
- Navigation and Wrap Around Services for Justice Involved Individuals Experiencing Homelessness;

- Outreach and Engagement for Persons Experiencing Homelessness;
- Phoenix Community Action Response Engagement Services (C.A.R.E.S.) Outreach; and,
- Homeless Youth Reunification.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Office of Homeless Solutions.

ATTACHMENT A

Shelter Status Report – Week Ending Jan. 13, 2023				
Location	Date Range	Bed Capacity	Current Usage	Unduplicated People Served
Washington Relief Center	May 13, 2022 – Jan. 13, 2023	200	212	806
Respiro (Sprung Structure)	May 13, 2022 – Jan. 13, 2023	100	91	316
Rio Fresco Shelter	Nov. 16, 2022 – Jan. 13, 2023	117	92	109

CASS Single Adult Shelter Status Report – Week Ending Jan. 13, 2023				
Location	Date Range	Bed Capacity	Previous Day Usage	Average Monthly Usage (Duplicated)
CASS Single Adult Shelter	Jan. 1, 2023 – Jan. 13, 2023	600	568	574

Human Services Campus – Street Count Status Report – Jan. 10, 2023				
Type	Persons	Tents	Other Shelters	No Apparent Shelter
Total Counted	706	266	83	63

ATTACHMENT B

New Shelter Beds Added in 2022	
Provider/Shelter	New Beds Added
Human Services Campus – Respiro	100
Washington Relief Center	200
CASS – Single Adult Shelter Expansion	175
CBI – Rio Fresco Hotel Lease / Future Acquisition	117
Total	592

New Shelter / Transitional Beds to be Added in 2023 - 2024			
Provider/Shelter	New Beds Added	Est. Phoenix Investment	Est. Open Date
Lutheran Social Services – I-HELP	10	\$1,000,000	Early 2023
City-Owned Sprung Structure and Non-Congregate Shelter	280	\$12,000,000	Mid 2023
CASS – The Haven Senior Shelter	170	\$4,000,000	Mid 2023
CBI – North Mountain Healing Center	100	\$4,000,000	Mid 2023
St. Vincent de Paul – Ozanam Manor II	100	\$6,000,000	Mid 2024
UMOM – New Day Center, Family Shelter (20 units)	80	\$2,000,000	Early 2024
Salvation Army – Family Shelter (12 units)	60	\$6,000,000	Mid 2024
Total	800	\$35,000,000	

ATTACHMENT C

Regional New Shelter / Transitional Beds Pipeline				
Jurisdiction	Provider/Shelter	Added (Est.)	In Process	Total
Chandler	Hotel Units*	25		
Glendale	I-HELP	5		
Maricopa County	Rodeway Inn – Hotel Units*	45		
Maricopa County	SureStay – Hotel Units*	35		
Maricopa County	Former Super 8 – Hotel Units*	65		
Maricopa County	Former Extend A Suite – Hotel Units*	140		
Mesa	Leasing, Potential Acquisition of Hotel Units*	100		
Phoenix	Human Services Campus – Respiro	100		
Phoenix/Maricopa County	Washington Relief Center*	200		
Phoenix	CASS – Single Adult Shelter Expansion	175		
Phoenix	CBI – Rio Fresco Hotel Lease / Future Acquisition	117		
Peoria	I-HELP	10		
Peoria	Substance Use Treatment Beds	8		
Tempe	Hotel Units	40		
Tempe	Leasing, Potential Acquisition of Hotel Units	50		
Subtotal		1,115		
Avondale	Bridge Family Housing Units		3	
Surprise	Family Housing Units		7	
Tempe	New Construction of Shelter		72	
Phoenix	Lutheran Social Services – I-HELP		10	
Phoenix	City-Owned Sprung Structure & Non-Congregate Shelter		280	
Phoenix	CASS – The Haven Senior Shelter		170	
Phoenix	CBI – North Mountain Healing Center		100	
Phoenix	St. Vincent de Paul – Ozanam Manor II		100	
Phoenix	UMOM – New Day Center, Family Shelter (20 units)		80	
Phoenix	Salvation Army – Family Shelter (12 units)		60	
Subtotal			882	
Total				1,997

*Funded with American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding and not anticipated to continue after 2024



Emergency Rental Assistance Program Weekly Update

This report provides information on the current status of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Summary

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides current updates of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Human Services Department.

ATTACHMENT A



City of Phoenix

To: Jeff Barton
City Manager

Date: January 26, 2023

Through: Gina Montes
Deputy City Manager

From: Marchelle F. Franklin
Human Services Director

Subject: WEEKLY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

This memo outlines current updates of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. The chart below reflects allocated amounts and expenditures for all ERA fund sources. Cumulative expenditures include \$46,040,352 in ERA 1.0 funds, \$44,570,514 in ERA 2.0 funds, and \$32,941,747 in ERA 1.0 Reallocated funds.

ERA Fund Source	Total Allocation	Admin Costs Expended (or Allowable¹)	Direct Services Expended	Available Direct Services
ERA 1.0	\$51,145,125	\$5,104,773	\$46,040,352	\$0
ERA 1.0 Reallocated	\$35,000,000	\$2,058,253	\$32,941,747	\$0
ERA 2.0	\$55,349,895	\$8,302,484 ¹	\$44,570,514	\$2,476,897
ERA 2.0 Reallocated	\$7,000,000 ²	\$1,050,000 ¹	\$0	\$5,950,000
Total	\$148,495,020	\$16,515,510	\$123,552,613	\$8,426,897

ERA 1.0 reallocated funding closeout functions are currently underway and may result in some adjustments to final expenditure balances. Additionally, some administrative funds were redirected to program services due to service demands and administrative capacities.

The expenditures below represent recently made available ERA 2.0 funds disbursed to eligible households, following an administrative fund shift to fully exhaust ERA 1.0 Reallocated funds by Dec. 29, 2022. The Human Services Department expended \$536,548.38 over the previous week to 74 households.

On Jan. 20, 2023, the additional \$7,000,000 of ERA 2.0 reallocated funds from the Arizona Department of Economic Security was transmitted to the City by the U.S. Department of Treasury.²

ERA Program Data

The table below demonstrates expenditure and program data for ERA 2.0 funding:

Time Period	Households Served	Residents Served	Ineligible Applications	Total Expenditures
<i>Jan. 2 – Jan. 7</i>	58	163	0	\$431,162.14
Jan. 9 – Jan. 14	110	298	0	\$815,567.96
Jan. 16 – Jan. 21	74	199	0	\$536,548.38
Total	242	660	0	\$1,783,278.48



Weekly Community Spread Benchmark Report

This report provides City Council with an update regarding the status of the current community spread benchmark indicators tracked by the City of Phoenix related to COVID-19 as requested at the Dec. 2, 2020 Formal Meeting. This information represents the latest data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Jan. 19, 2023.

Summary

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health has transitioned from Community Transmission Risk indicators to the new CDC Community Level reporting, which reports at the County level and are rated as Low, Medium or High. The weekly report now follows the CDC Community Level reporting.

The CDC Community Level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 in the past seven days. Please note that, in the event New Cases per 100,000 exceeds 200, the community level can be no lower than Medium, regardless of the inpatient bed use or hospital admissions per 100,000.

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides an indicator dashboard of the CDC Community Level for Maricopa County. The current CDC Community Level for Maricopa County is **Low**.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Lori Bays.



City of Phoenix

To: Jeffrey Barton
City Manager

Date: January 26, 2023

From: Lori Bays
Assistant City Manager

Subject: WEEKLY COMMUNITY SPREAD BENCHMARK REPORT

This memo communicates the community spread benchmarks within the City of Phoenix.

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health has transitioned from Community Transmission Risk indicators to the new CDC Community Level reporting, which reports at the County level.

The CDC Community Level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 in the past 7 days. Please note that, in the event New Cases per 100,000 exceeds 200, the community level can be no lower than Medium, regardless of the inpatient bed use or hospital admissions per 100,000. For more information about the COVID-19 Community Levels go to the [CDC COVID-19 Community Levels](#) site.

**Current CDC COVID-19 Community Level:
Maricopa County**

Low

Reporting Week		Percentage of In-Patient Bed Usage	New Hospital Admissions per 100,000	New COVID Cases per 100,000
Most Current Week Reporting	Jan. 19, 2023	3.2%	7.2	32.26
Previous Week Reporting	Jan. 12, 2023	4.3%	8.1	94.39

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%



2023 State Legislative Report

This report provides information regarding the status of current state legislative issues.

Summary

Jan. 26, 2023, is the 17th day of the Second Regular Session of the 56th Legislature. **Attachment A** provides current status of Legislation as of Jan. 25, 2023. To date, 786 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Office of Government Relations.

ATTACHMENT A
City Council Information
January 26, 2023



The Office of Government Relations is guided by the principles endorsed by the Mayor and Council. Our highest priorities are maintaining and preserving **shared revenues**, opposing **unfunded mandates**, protecting **local authority**, and involvement in **water resource** matters.

This Legislative Report provides information about bills that could impact the City. January 26, 2023 is the 17th day of the Second Regular Session of the 56th Legislature. The information provided in this report regarding status of legislation is current as of January 25, 2023. To date, 786 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Bills that staff has identified as negatively impacting the City’s core principles:

HB 2003 | Corporate income tax; rates | (David Livingston)

Decreases the corporate income tax rate to 4.0 percent of net income in tax year 2023, 3.5 percent of net income in tax year 2024, 3.0 percent of net income in tax year 2025, and 2.5 percent of net income in tax years beginning with 2026, from 4.9 percent of net income.

Status: | 01/11/2023 - House APPROP Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (9-5-0-1-0-0)

HB 2061 | Food; municipal tax; exemption. | (Leo Biasiucci)

Municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, sales, or use tax or fee on the sale of food items intended for human consumption or home consumption (as defined elsewhere in statute and by rule). Applies to tax periods on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Status: | 01/18/2023 – House Ways & Means Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (6-4-0-0-0-0)

HB 2067 | Residential leases; municipal tax exemption | (Neal Carter)

Beginning January 1, 2024, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, sales, use or other similar tax or fee on the

business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes. Does not apply to health care facilities, long-term care facilities, hotels, motels, or other transient lodging businesses. By January 1, 2024, the owner of real property that is rented or leased for residential purposes and that is located in a municipality or other taxing jurisdiction that levies such a tax is required to reduce the amount of rent due by an amount equal to the difference caused by the elimination of the tax as provided in this legislation. Contains a legislative intent section. Applies to tax periods beginning January 1, 2024.

Status: | 01/17/2023 – Referred to House Ways and Means

HB 2213 | TPT; exemption; utilities; residential customers | (Gail Griffin)

Beginning January 1, 2024, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, sales, use or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes. Does not apply to health care facilities, long-term care facilities, hotels, motels, or other transient lodging businesses. By January 1, 2024, the owner of real property that is rented or leased for residential purposes and that is located in a municipality or other taxing jurisdiction that levies such a tax is required to reduce the amount of rent due by an amount equal to the difference caused by the elimination of the tax as provided in this legislation. Contains a legislative intent section. Applies to tax periods beginning January 1, 2024.

Status: | 01/18/2023 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB 2284 | Homelessness; housing; facilities | (David Livingston)

The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is required to accept and allocate monies appropriated by the Legislature for services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Monies must be used for parking areas that have access to potable water, electric outlets, and bathrooms; camping facilities and individual shelters that meet specified requirements; and shelters that house at least four individuals and that provide programs to improve the employment and income of individuals leaving the shelter. ADOH is required to prioritize spending for all of these purposes before spending monies on permanent housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. ADOH is authorized to use monies appropriated to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and other services. A person is prohibited from using state or local government owned lands for unauthorized sleeping, camping, or long-term shelter, and from allowing such land to be used for these purposes. Political subdivisions are prohibited from adopting or enforcing policies that discourage or prohibit the enforcement of any order or ordinance that prohibits public camping or sleeping or obstructing a public right-of-way. The Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action against a political subdivision in violation. Severability clause. Effective January 1, 2024.

Status: | 01/17/2023 - Held in House Health & Human Services

SB 1122 | Transportation tax; election; Maricopa County | (David Farnsworth)

If approved by the voters at a countywide election, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate as of January 1, 1990. The tax levied will be in effect for 15 years. Specifies the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with 80 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for freeways and other routes in the state highway system, and 20 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for major arterial streets. Beginning January 1, 2026, a regional public

transportation authority is established in a county with a population of 3 million or more persons that approves a county transportation excise tax.

Status: | Scheduled for Transportation and Technology on 1/30/22

SB 1184 | Municipal tax exemption; residential leases | (Steve Kaiser)

Beginning October 1, 2024, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, use, or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing residential property for residential dwellings of up to four units. Some exceptions. Beginning January 1, 2028, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, use, or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing residential property for residential dwellings of more than four units. Some exceptions. The owner of real property that is rented or leased for residential purposes and that is located in a municipality or other taxing jurisdiction that levies a transaction privilege tax on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes is required to reduce the amount of rent due by an amount equal to the difference caused by the elimination of the transaction privilege tax on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes on the effective date of the tax elimination for that property. The Arizona Department of Revenue is required to electronically notify each residential rental transaction privilege tax licensee of these provisions. Also, municipalities are required to use monies paid from revenues collected from a remote seller in the retail transaction privilege tax classification and paid to the municipality as state shared revenue for public safety before any other municipal purpose.

Status: | 1/23/2023 - Assigned to Senate Commerce Committee

Bills that staff has identified as beneficial to the City:

SB 1006 | Municipal notices and ordinances; posting | (John Kavanagh)

Notices of election, invitations for bids, notices of letting contracts, laws and ordinances, and other public notice issued by a municipal governing body are allowed to be posted on the municipality's website in lieu of being published in a newspaper. A municipality that posts notices on the website is required to provide a link to a listing of all current notices and ordinances on the website's home page.

Status: | 01/18/2023 - Senate GOV Committee action: Do Pass Amended, voting: (5-2-1-0)

SB 1064 | Sentencing enhancements; drug-free zones | (John Kavanagh)

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly be present in a "drug-free neighborhood zone" (defined) to sell or transfer marijuana, peyote, prescription-only drugs, dangerous drugs or narcotic drugs. A person in violation is guilty of the same class of felony that the person would otherwise be guilty of had the violation not occurred within a drug-free neighborhood zone, except that the presumptive, minimum and maximum sentence must be increased by one year, and the court is required to order the person to pay a fine of at least \$2,000 or three times the value of the drugs involved, whichever is greater.

Status: | 01/19/2023 - Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee

Bills staff are monitoring:

SB 1011 | Municipalities; partisan elections | (John Kavanagh)

Municipal elections may be held with the candidate's political party registration indicated on the ballot. Applies to municipal elections held on or after January 1, 2024.

Status:| 01/18/2023 - Senate GOV Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (6-1-1-0)

SB 1022 | Pedestrians; selling goods; begging; medians | (John Kavanagh)

Pedestrians are prohibited from selling goods, soliciting donations, or begging on a painted or raised traffic island or median. The penalty for a first violation is a warning, the second violation is a civil traffic violation, and the third or subsequent violation is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor.

Status:| 01/18/2023 - Senate MAPS Committee action: Discussed and Held, voting: (0-0-0-0)

SB 1024 | Public rights-of-way; unlawful acts | (John Kavanagh)

It is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor to use a public street, highway, alley, sidewalk, or other right-of-way for lying, sleeping, or otherwise remaining in a sitting position unless the person is experiencing a physical emergency, the violation occurs in the course of administering medical assistance, or the right-of-way is subject to a permit to conduct a festival, fair, parade, concert, fireworks display, or other similar event.

Status:| 01/18/2023 - Senate MAPS Committee action: Discussed and Held, voting: (0-0-0-0)