

COUNCIL AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: The Mayor and Members of City Council

DATE: May 7, 2009

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DATE: May 21, 2009

RE: Panhandling Ordinance - Prohibited Zone Expansion

ACTION DESIRED:

Respectfully requesting City Council refer the above to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee for review.

RATIONALE:

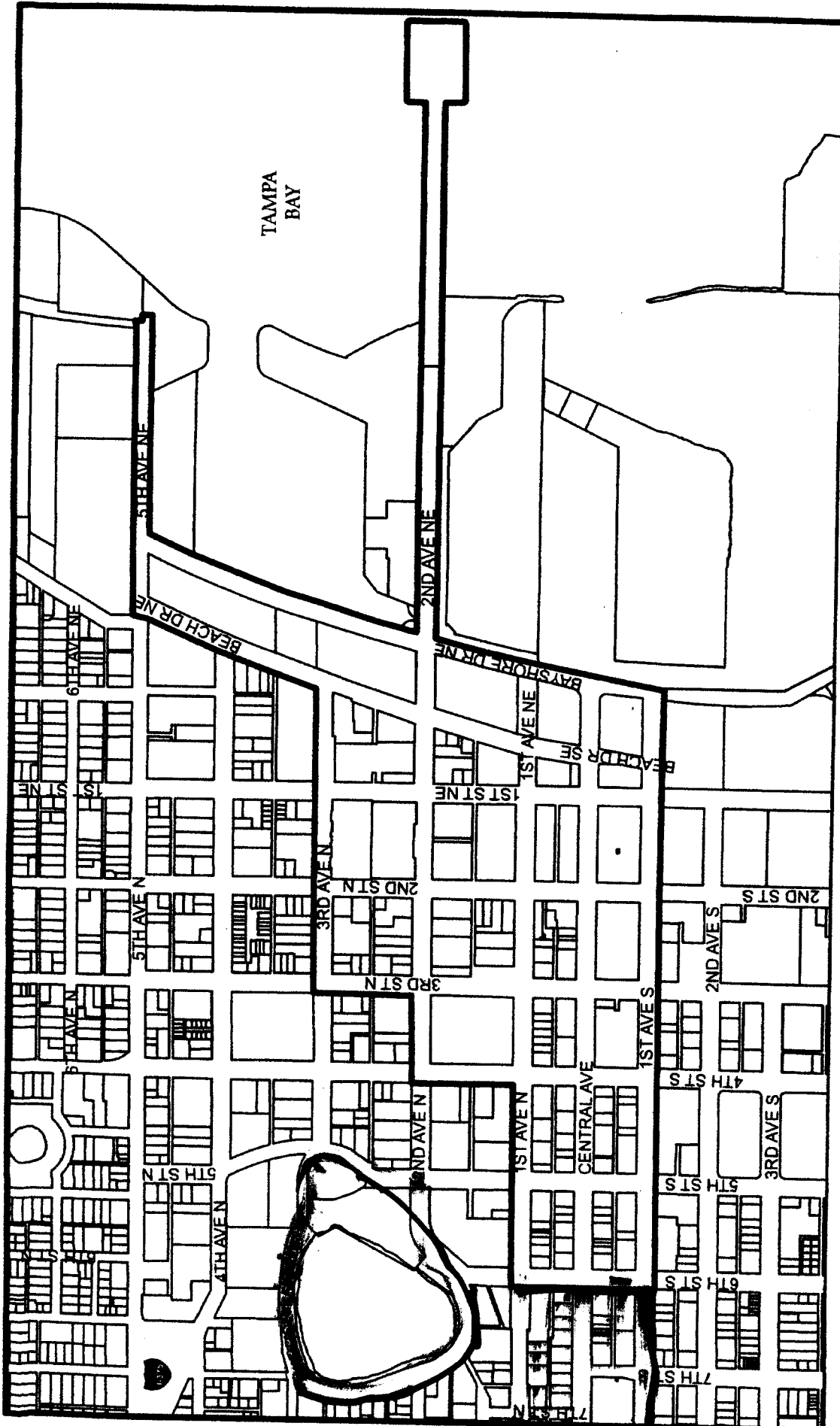
The City's panhandling ordinance prohibits panhandling in a small portion of our downtown. The ordinance is intended to lessen the negative impact on the business district. Unfortunately, one of the results of this is to shift some of the panhandling to adjoining areas. This request is to expand the zone west from 6th Street (between 1st Avenue South & 1st Avenue North to 8th Street (between 1st Avenue South & 1st Avenue North), to include Mirror Lake Drive North and the circle around Mirror Lake.

Mirror Lake has experienced a significant increase in panhandling and homelessness camping as a result of the improvements in Williams Park.

The 600 and 700 block of the Central Avenue corridor are trying to cope with construction, and the closure of many businesses on the north side of the 600 block of Central Avenue.

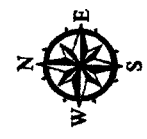
Expansion of the no panhandling zone would be a significant assistance to both areas.

Karl Nurse
City Council Member



 Prohibited Area

**PANHANDLING ORDINANCE
Prohibited Zone Diagram 1**



**City of St. Petersburg
Development Services Department**

Scale: 1" = 675'
Date: December 19, 2007