



Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2016

Re: Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code relating to Pawnbrokers

## Executive Summary

At the request of Council member Trapp, an ordinance has been prepared to amend Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to pawnbrokers.

## Discussion

Council Member Trapp requested an ordinance be prepared to revise the licensing regulations related to pawnbrokers in order to aid in the investigation and recovery of stolen property and as a deterrent to crime. The amendments would require a pawnbroker to improve and enhance recordkeeping on each transaction, and adds a requirement that a photograph be taken of both the article being pawned and the head and shoulders of any person who receives cash in exchange for the property left with the pawnbroker. In addition, it requires the item may not be sold for seven (7) business days and must be entered into an electronic database as designated by the chief of police.

Additional modifications to the City Code, which would include more broad regulation of other types of dealers of secondhand property and precious metals (such as dealers in used sporting goods or video games, consignment shops and thrift stores), will be presented to the Council through a report from the police department for further discussion and recommendation on the desired extent of such regulation prior to drafting. These items are being brought to the Council in two separate parts so the enhanced reporting requirements may be implemented while the discussion and evaluation on the types of businesses to include is being considered.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### [Vision Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Legislative History

Date	Action
05/18/2015	Request of Council member Trapp at council meeting.
01/18/2016	Request of Council member Trapp at council meeting.

### Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, an affirmative vote is in order.