



City of Arts & Innovation

Public Safety Committee Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS **DATE: JUNE 21, 2017**
FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**
**SUBJECT: CHAPTER 5.80 ENTITLED PAWNSHOPS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS TO
THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE PAWN SHOPS AND
SECONDHAND DEALER ESTABLISHMENTS - DIRECT SUBMITTAL**

ISSUE:

Receive a report on adding Chapter 5.80, entitled Pawnshops and Secondhand Dealers, to the Riverside Municipal Code and forward recommendation to City Council for its adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Public Safety Committee:

1. Receive a report on adding Chapter 5.80, entitled Pawnshops and Secondhand Dealers, to the Riverside Municipal Code to establish requirements related to the pawn shops and secondhand dealer establishments; and
2. Recommend the adoption of Chapter 5.80 to the Riverside Municipal Code to City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Chapter 19.355 of the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) establishes land use standards for pawn shops and Chapter 19.730 establishes the procedures for minor conditional use permits. The RMC does not currently address the regulation of the operation of pawn shops or secondhand dealer establishments.

DISCUSSION:

Pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers constitute prime vehicles for the disposal and sale of stolen property within the City of Riverside. The purpose of Chapter 5.80 is to curtail the dissemination of stolen property and to facilitate the recovery of stolen property.

Chapter 5.80 will define the terms for the licensing and permitting requirements to regulate pawn shops and secondhand dealer establishments. Chapter 5.80 will require pawn shops and

secondhand dealer establishments to:

1. be issued and maintain a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked City business tax certificate
2. have a valid State business license
3. have a minor conditional use permit
4. have a valid pawnshop and secondhand dealer establishment permit

Chapter 5.80 will allow the Chief of Police to issue, deny, and/or revoke such an establishment permit if the establishment permit holder has acted in a manner contrary to, or has violated, any provision of the RMC or the Business and Professions Code, is acting in a manner that constitutes a public nuisance, or the establishment permit holder or their agents, contractor, or employees have violated any laws in connection with the operation of the establishment or failed to cooperate with the Riverside Police Department.

Adopting Chapter 5.80 will allow a violation of this Chapter to be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or infraction, at the discretion of the City Attorney. In addition, it will allow the City to recover its attorney's fees and costs in abating such nuisance and illegal activity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Riverside Municipal Code, Chapter 5.80
2. Presentation