



Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.80

Riverside Police Department

Public Safety Committee
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BACKGROUND

1. 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 second hand dealer establishments.
2. 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.



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ISSUE

The adoption of an ordinance adding Chapter 5.80 to the Riverside Municipal Code will clarify and define certain terms and establish requirements related to the pawn shops and secondhand dealer establishments that operate within the City of Riverside.



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1. Chapter 5.80 will define the terms for the licensing and permitting requirements to regulate pawn shops and secondhand dealer establishments.
2. Chapter 5.80 will require pawn shops and secondhand dealer establishments to be issued and maintain a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked City business tax certificate, a State business license, a minor conditional use permit, and a pawnshop and secondhand dealer establishment permit.
3. The Chief of Police may issue, refuse to issue, and/or revoke such an establishment permit.



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4. Chapter 5.80 will allow for a revocation or denial of a pawnshop and secondhand dealer establishment permit at the discretion of the Chief of Police, 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.



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5. Finally, 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.



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Safety Committee recommend the City Council adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 5.80 to the Riverside Municipal Code to establish requirements related to the pawn shops and secondhand dealer establishments.



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