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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Frank Dixon, Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 6, 2023

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton amending the provisions of Ch. 21 Art. 1 Sec 21.6 of the code of ordinances “Prohibited Acts” to include an offense titled “aggressive solicitation” outlining prohibited acts; providing for a severability clause; providing for a savings clause; providing for a penalty; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

In July 2022, Mayor Hudspeth made a two-minute pitch and received support for staff resources to be spent developing policies and programs to address referrals to services for people experiencing homelessness, panhandling, and behaviors in the downtown area. In January 2023, Council Member Davis made a two-minute pitch request and received support for a work session to get an update on homelessness efforts after opening the new shelter, with a focus on safety and the downtown area.

Community Services, Denton Police Department, Parks and Recreation and Economic Development collaborated to develop a multipronged response to growth and activity in the downtown area. The response to identify solutions for a **cleaner, safer, happier Downtown Denton** were presented to City Council over three Work Session presentation which concluded with the Aggressive Solicitation Work Session.

During the April 18, 2023 ([ID 22-1281](#)) Work Session Council gave direction to proceed with adoption of the changes to Ch. 16, ART. III, Sec. 16-72 and Ch. 21 ART. 1 Sec 21.6 (**Exhibit 2**) as presented.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Redline Ch. 21 ART. 1 Sec 21.6

Exhibit 3 – Ordinance and Ch. 21 ART. 1 Sec 21.6 Clean

Respectfully submitted:
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