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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2019

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER /s/

DOCKET TITLE:

Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and reordain Chapter 8 ("JUNK DEALERS, ANTIQUES DEALERS, CANVASSERS, PAWNBROKERS AND DEALERS IN SECONDHAND ARTICLES, PRECIOUS METALS OR GEMS") of Title 9 ("LICENSING AND REGULATIONS") of The City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

ISSUE: Consideration of an ordinance amendment to remain current with emerging technologies and establishing the most efficient method of delivery of transaction records, and to eliminate burden on businesses of extraneous reporting requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the proposed ordinance (Attachment 2) on first reading and schedule it for second reading, public hearing, and final passage on December 14, 2019.

DISCUSSION: Chapter 8, Article A of the City Code establishes a policy for the City to exercise its powers to regulate the purchase or pawn of junk, antiques, and secondhand articles, precious metals and gems by pawnbrokers and other dealers by requiring the holding of each article for a 15 day period and requiring that records be kept for each purchase. Furthermore, Chapter 8, Article B, Sections 9-8-15 and 9-8-16, establish requirements for record of transactions and reporting of such transaction records to the Police Department.

The ordinance amendment updates the City Code to be current with emerging technologies and establishing the most efficient method of delivery of transaction records, and to eliminate burden on businesses of extraneous reporting requirements. It further provides an enforcement measure for the Police Department if a regulated business refuses to report the transaction records electronically.

This ordinance amendment is part of an ongoing comprehensive effort to update and modernize the City Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact as a result of this ordinance amendment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Ordinance Cover

Attachment 2: Proposed Ordinance Amendment

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