



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Amending Title 5, Chapter 7 (Secondhand Dealer Licensing Requirement) to exempt those who solely sell Secondhand Goods **(Citywide)**

Purpose and Recommendation

Council is requested to approve an ordinance to exempt individuals who engage strictly and solely in the selling of secondhand goods, ware, merchandise, or articles from the Secondhand licensing requirements in the City Code.

Background and Discussion

Councilmember Duff brought forward to staff a business concern from a downtown business that wants to do a “Vintage” market, that these sellers are required to have a secondhand license under the Mesa City Code.

The primary purpose of this Chapter of the City Code is to license auctioneers, pawnbrokers, scrap metal dealers and secondhand dealers who buy and sell merchandise and to prevent the trafficking of stolen merchandise.

The dealers being excluded by this amendment only sell merchandise. They do not purchase items from those who visit their business like the other businesses in this Chapter. Generally, they purchase from wholesalers, retailers, garage and estate sales, etc.

The exemption being added to the Code, exempts only, “any persons who engage strictly and solely in the selling of secondhand goods, wares, merchandise or articles”.

Alternatives

The alternative of taking no action means there will be no change to the City Code and these sellers will continue to require a Secondhand license.

Fiscal Impact

There may be a small decrease in Secondhand license fees but staff believes most of these sellers are either not licensed or do not conduct business in Mesa because

of this license requirement.

Coordinated With

City Attorney's Office and the Mesa Police Department