



City of West Allis

Legislation Text

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Resolution to Impose a Moratorium on Pawn Shops, Secondhand Stores, Secondhand Jewelry Dealers as defined in 9.15 of the Revised Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the City of West Allis (the "City") currently issues licenses and requires special use consideration for Pawn Shops, Secondhand Stores, Secondhand Jewelry Dealers in many locations throughout the City in accordance with section 9.15 of the Revised Municipal Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Development is preparing a proposed ordinance to amend the terms, conditions and restrictions under which such uses are to be granted; and,

WHEREAS, the City has no intention of permanently denying Pawn Dealers, Secondhand Article Dealers, Junk Shops, and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers license to any qualified person, but seeks only a brief and temporary interval in license and occupancy permit issuance to consider if trends in the marketplace threaten to undermine the health, safety and welfare of the City of West Allis residents; and

WHEREAS, because the timely assistance, analysis and input from various City departments is needed to effectively review and evaluate licensing policy, the Common Council directs formation of a group consisting of representatives from the Police Department, the Department of Development and the Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services, and that all City departments are directed to cooperate and participate in this review and evaluation process:

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest to put all current and future applications for new Pawn Dealers, Secondhand Article Dealers, Junk Shops, and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers on hold until the proposed ordinance is introduced and acted upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that a moratorium be imposed on the granting and issuing of all aforementioned license and permits for a period of 90 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium may be extended by the Common Council for up to an additional 90 days review of the proposed ordinance is still pending.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said moratorium shall not apply to renewal applications for the same address as long as the location of the establishment remains the same.

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