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Council Agenda
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Proposed amendments to Ordinance on final hearing, relating to Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses; Chapter 30, Article XV, Division 2, amending Section 30-428, Legislative Findings of Aggressive Panhandling; and amending Section 30-430, Definitions of panhandling, aggressive manner and soliciting within 50 feet of elementary schools.

Councilmembers Pettis and Stonecipher

The attached amendments to the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article XV, Division 2 (“Aggressive Panhandling”) in the Oklahoma City Municipal Code (“Code”) were requested by Councilmen Pettis and Stonecipher. The amendments are indicated in colored font in the attachment to this memorandum.

If adopted, these amendments to the proposed Ordinance would:

- Title: Delete certain wording.
- Subsection 30-428(e): Change to restore the existing Code wording, except for “mass transportation stop,” which would be deleted from the subsection and placed into a separate new subsection (see next bullet).
- Subsection 30-428(f): Change to limit subsection solely to “any mass transportation stop, including but not limited to any school bus stop.”
- Subsection 30-428(i): Add proposed new language to provide a “finding” about soliciting, begging, or panhandling from persons less than sixteen (16) years of age.
- Subsection 30-430(a): Delete the word “unwanted” and substitute the word “uninvited.”
- Subsection 30-430(b)(11): Change to restore the existing Code wording, except for “mass transportation stop,” which would be deleted from the subsection and placed into a separate new subsection (see next bullet)
- Subsection 30-430(b)(12): Change to limit subsection solely to “any mass transportation stop, including but not limited to any school bus stop.”
- Subsection 30-430(b)(13): Change to add words “begging, or panhandling” so that definition matches corresponding “finding” in Subsection 30-428(g).

- Subsection 30-430(b)(15): Add proposed new language relating to soliciting, begging, or panhandling from persons less than sixteen (16) years of age.

Recommendation: Amendments be approved.