



Minutes Nuisance Ordinance Council Subcommittee Oct. 8, 2024

Minutes of the Nuisance Ordinance Council Subcommittee meeting held on Oct. 8, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th St. and virtually through Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Vice Mayor Doreen Garlid – Chair
Mayor Corey Woods
Councilmember Arlene Chin

City Staff Present:

Eric Anderson, City Attorney
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager
Jeff Tamulevich, Community Development Director
Ryan Levesque, Community Development Deputy Director
Drew Yocum, Community Development Deputy Director
Lt. Chris McCormick, Police Department
Tanya Chavez, Mayor and Council Chief of Staff
Ty Lee, Council Assistant
Vanessa Lopez, Council Assistant
Parrish Spisz, Council Assistant

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

No public appearances

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion about nuisance issues in neighborhoods

Discussion began with the background for developing a nuisance ordinance based on a similar ordinance in Anchorage, Alaska. It was an outcome of illegal sober living home issues in neighborhoods and how to support community safety. The problem to be solved with this proposed ordinance is to reduce negative incidents at properties and the burden that excessive calls for service have on limited resources. This gap in enforcement limits the Police's ability to manage repeat disturbances, which can strain resources and negatively impact the surrounding community. Developing more robust mechanism to address these recurring issues would improve both public safety and overall quality of life for affected neighborhoods.

The new ordinance would be applied broadly to specific types of calls to a property within a calendar year. It would establish clear definitions for validated call types and set a threshold for the number of calls allowed each month. Certain exclusions would apply, such as domestic

violence, which would not be counted toward the threshold. The subcommittee would need to work to further define the validate call types.

Agenda Item 3 – Ordinance policy development and timeline

Community Development staff highlighted the significant value of the nuisance ordinance in reducing habitual code violators and noted its success in working collaboratively with the Police Department. Vice Mayor Garlid’s Office will coordinate research and draft an ordinance with Community Development, Fire, Police and the City Attorney’s Office. City Attorney will form an ordinance committee for review.

Two public meetings will be held to present the ordinance to the community before it is returned to the Committee of the Whole for final review and subsequent City Council action. Two public meetings will be held to present the ordinance to the community before it is returned to the Committee of the Whole for final review and subsequent City Council action.

Next meeting to review Police data and review of working draft ordinance scheduled for November 21, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 2.55 p.m.

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