

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KENNER CITY COUNCIL

JULY 12, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER - KENNER CITY HALL

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

PUBLIC APPEARANCE AGENDA

16. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS IN SUMMARY (FIRST READING)

16-I. An ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kenner regarding the distribution of solicited and unsolicited print matter.

On motion of Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, the following ordinance was introduced:

SUMMARY NO: _____ ORDINANCE NO: _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENNER REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITED AND UNSOLICITED PRINT MATTER.

WHEREAS, residents regularly express a desire to be able to halt the distribution of unwanted printed matter with respect to their private properties; and

WHEREAS, residents regularly contact distributors, publishers, and the City with respect to the distribution of printed matter disturbing the peaceful possession of properties; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of unwanted printed matter creates an unwelcome burden of maintenance for residents and the City; and

WHEREAS, repeated requests by residents for distributors and publishers not to deliver unsolicited printed matter to their properties are not always addressed; and

WHEREAS, unsolicited printed matter often accumulates on properties without the knowledge of residents, especially when such residents are vacationing or otherwise away from home; and

WHEREAS, the unchecked accumulation of printed matter on properties hinders efforts to limit filth and prevent blight; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of printed matter upon a residential premises creates an appearance of vacancy that encourages criminal behavior dangerous to the public; and

WHEREAS, this Council has received reports that unsolicited printed matter has contributed to damaging property, including but not limited to causing or contributing to sewage and/or drainage backups; and

WHEREAS, this Council is committed to protecting the people of the City of Kenner from activities that are injurious or detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the people of the City of Kenner;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNER HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION ONE: That Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kenner, Louisiana, is amended by adding Section 7-172.1 through Section 7-172.6 which section shall read as follows:

Section 7-172.1 — Definitions

For the purposes of this section, the following terms and phrases when used in this article shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless a definite meaning clearly appears from the context:

Distributed printed matter shall mean solicited printed matter and unsolicited printed matter that is delivered to any person or residential property;

Front door shall mean a door to any residential structure on residential property that faces a street or private street or, if no door faces a street or private street, then the door to the structure that is nearest to a street or private street;

Code shall mean the Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement;

Director shall mean the Director of the Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement;

"Do Not Toss" list, shall mean the list of address of residential property where the owner, tenant, or any person occupying the residence has request that Unsolicited Printed Matter no be delivered to that address;

Residential property shall mean any property used wholly or in part for residential purposes whether inhabited or vacant;

Solicited printed matter shall mean any printed matter that is delivered to any person or residential property with the express invitation or express permission in writing (or otherwise) of the owner, tenant, or any person occupying the residence; and

Unsolicited printed matter shall mean any printed matter that is delivered to any person or residential property without the express invitation or express permission in writing (or otherwise) of the owner, tenant, or any person occupying the residence.