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Licensing and Standards Committee  
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### Title

Prohibit the sale of spray paint to persons under the age of 18.

### Recommendation

The Purpose of this prohibition is to minimize the availability of spray paint to minors to curbe the increased circumstances related to graffiti and tagging in our City. Although this measure alone will not eliminate graffiti it will make the accessibility to spray paint the main component utilized more difficult to obtain.

It would be necessary for store owners to request ID when selling spray paint and may require the item to be placed in a locked environment or behind a service counter.

### Background

The City has made advancement when dealing with the removal of graffiti, our City website sites that Council approved funding of \$310,000 for the training and employment of young people to carry out the work. Over the past seven years, the program has cleaned 263 sites (5,500 individual graffiti tags) and has created 333 murals.

Three of our City departments are involved in the removal of graffiti on City owned properties: Transportation, Park, Forestry and Recreation, and Municipal Licensing and Standards, along with other City volunteer based initiatives.

Banning the purchase of spray paint to persons under 18 would place a barrier for the easy access of the product. By addressing the banning of spray paint and the removal of graffiti, the City would be helping to decrease the number of graffiti occurrences.

Sincerely,

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