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For next agenda.

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Hi Erin,

I would like to add an agenda item to the next agenda.

Motion for discussion and consideration of amending Richmond Code of Ordinances Chapter **5.20 HAWKERS, PEDDLERS AND DOOR TO DOOR SALESPERSONS** to amend Section C "door to door salesperson" to prohibit commercial door-to-door sales and prospecting in Richmond, with exceptions listed in section 5.20.060. If approved by the council, a draft ordinance change would be needed and it would then go to a public hearing.

**Per the current ordinance:**

C. A "door to door salesperson" is a person over the age of eighteen (18) who sells or attempts to sell merchandise at the home of a person who has not invited the door to door salesperson to his or her home for the purpose of selling merchandise. Door to door salespersons must present a copy of the license to each person prior to solicitation.

Under **5.20.060 Exemptions and limitations**, if updated, there are 2 "E"'s listed, so making a second one "F", and possibly adding a new item "G" to ensure non-profit groups like Girl Scouts and Scouts BSA are permissible.

**Reasoning:**

I continue to hear from residents on the desire to prohibit door-to-door sales in Richmond. Two themes have emerged from residents: (1) public safety & (2) Privacy & Peace:

**1. Public Safety Concerns**

- Residents may be wary of unknown individuals approaching homes, especially in isolated areas.
- Door-to-door sales can be a vector for scams, particularly targeting elderly or vulnerable populations.
- Limiting unsolicited visits helps reduce opportunities for casing homes or committing theft.

**2. Privacy and Peace**

- Rural residents often value peace and quiet, and unsolicited visits are seen as intrusive.
- Preference for self-selection of vendors and word-of-mouth referrals over outside sales.
- Residents may have dogs, livestock, or equipment that pose risks to uninvited visitors.

I will continue to gather input and have that ready for review before the council.

**Addressing the Negative Economic Impact Argument:**

- Vendors may certainly continue to use print material, signage, or online marketing to attract customers and drive business.
- This effort would be to put the needs of the citizens of Richmond in the driver's seat for when and how they prefer to be contacted.
- Local businesses are not historically requesting such licenses, and are therefore not negatively impacted by the proposed change.
- Past councils have restricted businesses that it deemed not a fit for our community.

I look forward to the discussion with the council and the public.

Thank you,

Jim

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