



AGENDA REQUEST FORM-CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: (Fill in Description)

- Consent item
- Discussion item
- X Discussion and possible action
- Public Hearing

Discussion and possible action on approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2009-O-6B, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANGLETON BY REPEALING THE CURRENT CHAPTER 18 “PEDDLERS, ITINERANT MERCHANTS AND SOLICITORS” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18 REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR BONDING OF TRANSIENT MERCHANTS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500 PER VIOLATION AND MAKING EACH DAY OR PORTION OF A DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES A SEPARATE VIOLATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Requested by: Jamae Bowman

Budgeted amount: Not applicable. **Funds requested:** Not applicable.

Attachments: (Attachment description)

Ordinance No. 2009-O-6B

Summary Statement:

This Ordinance regulates the activities of peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants and replaces the current Ordinance which was enacted in 1965. The Ordinance requires peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants to be licensed or to register with the City and makes illegal certain activities which would interfere with the public health and safety. It also requires transient merchants to be bonded in an attempt to protect citizens from fraudulent conduct. At the same time, the Ordinance contains a number of exemptions for religious, charitable and non-profit organizations, civic events like rodeos, fairs and other City sponsored events and it allows the exercise of constitutional rights such as freedom of speech and religion. Since the last time you reviewed the Ordinance, changes have been made to provide exemptions for special events such as festivals and rodeos, shortening the maximum license period to 21 days, allowing any resident or property owner to be placed on a no solicitation list and strengthening the provisions requiring payment of sales tax when required by law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends your adoption of this Ordinance.