



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Special Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Item Title: Draft Ordinance – Electronic Cigarettes and Vape Device Regulation

Submitted By: Police Chief, Dennis Weiner

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The use of electronic cigarettes, also known as vape devices, has increased substantially in recent years. It is becoming popular among teens and those under 21 years of age. Not only are we seeing devices and flavored vape cartridges, but we are also seeing them that contain nicotine and THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

We have been citing those underage found in possession of the devices or cartridges under different provisions of current ordinances that aren't specific to these devices and are not the best fit. This ordinance appropriately and directly addresses the electronic (vape) devices and paraphernalia. This ordinance will not result in a substantial increase in citations. The ordinance was modeled after one currently being used in another community.

City Attorney Johnson has reviewed this request and created a draft ordinance.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Ordinance to create Section 66-180 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances concerning the regulation of electronic smoking devices and electronic smoking device paraphernalia.

Action Requested of Council:

To consider creation of this ordinance.