



MEMORANDUM

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM

TO: City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Balmer, Freeman, O'Malley

SUBJECT: General Code Ordinance 132

We would like to have the following topic added to the upcoming city council agenda, please.

We wish to protect the City's publicly owned property, help maintain order, and an aesthetically clean and pleasing environment of our downtown public spaces, as well as all other areas of public property within the city limits. We believe that any writing or drawing on public property is a violation of Ordinance 132, Malicious Destruction of Property. We believe that the Ordinance is content neutral. It is not the content of what is being drawn, or written, but the actual act of writing or drawing is an act of marring and defacing public property. The Ordinance does not distinguish between permanent, or temporary writing or drawing, therefore both acts are a violation of the Ordinance. Writing, or drawing without City Council approval from the city constitutes vandalism, per Ordinance 132 of the General Code of Ordinance of the City of Douglas.

We will be asking for an opinion from city staff and will be requesting a legal opinion from the city attorney, if needed.