



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Pamela Whitmore
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Adoption of Ordinance Adding Article 2-VII Administrative Citations
Background Information:	<p>An alternative method of enforcement for city code violations is being sought rather than relying on the criminal court system. The formal criminal prosecution process does not provide an environment to adequately address the unique and sensitive issues that are involved in City Code violations, including, but not limited to, neighborhood concerns, livability issues, economic impact, physical limitations of the offenders and the stigma and unintended consequences of being charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor offense. In addition, the court system is a slow, overburdened, and methodical process that is not conducive to dealing with the violations in a prompt and timely manner.</p> <p>Finally, the penalties afforded the criminal court system are restricted to fines or physical confinement, which are not always effective solutions to address Code violations. To provide more flexibility in addressing Code violations on an individualized basis that will be more efficient and effective an alternative enforcement process is necessary. Therefore, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the city, a process for the use and imposition of administrative civil penalties will provide the public and the city with a more effective alternative method for addressing city code violations.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	To adopt an ordinance adding Article 2-VII Administrative Citations.