



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: March 18, 2013

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair -
Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee

Subject: Flea Markets

Recommendation: Set public hearing for April 4, 2013 to receive comments on the following: Subject matter of an ordinance Chapter 321 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances allowing temporary markets/ flea markets for the sale of arts, crafts, antiques, and/or secondhand goods by any person, partnership, corporation or association to be sold at tables, stalls, or booths at a fixed location and licensed by the City of Minneapolis.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Grant Wilson

Financial Impact

- None

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: N/A
- City Goals:
Jobs & Economic Vitality: Businesses — big and small — start here, stay here, thrive here.
Strong commercial corridors, thriving business corners.

Supporting Information

Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Chapter 321, Article III refers to Exhibitions which are temporary sales of secondhand goods. Enacted in 1959, it has provided solid regulations to manage locations, items eligible for sale, and license requirements. Updating definitions allows the city to continue to protect consumers and support evolving business practices.