

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management
Date: 3/2/2016
Referral: City Council
From: City Attorney's Office
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Presented by: Council Member Yang
File type: Ordinance
Subcategory: Code Amendment

Subject:

Decriminalization of congregating on the sidewalk

Description:

Repealing Section 427.220 entitled "Congregating on streets or sidewalks" from Title 17, Chapter 427 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks

Previous Actions:

1/29/16: Introduction and first reading of ordinance ([16-00073](#))

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

Council Member Yang and Council Member Glidden have proposed repealing § 427.220.

Under current Minneapolis Ordinance, § 427.220, it is a misdemeanor offense for three (3) or more people to stand together or near each other in any street or on any footwalk or sidewalk so as to obstruct the free passage for pedestrians. The ordinance requires these persons to move immediately at the request of the mayor, chief of police or any police officer. This ordinance has only been occasionally charged in criminal cases in recent years.

Financial Review:

No financial impact