



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mindi Hurley, Director of Community Development

Date: July 9, 2024

Reference: Discussion regarding donation bins.

2040: **Create Business and Innovation Nodes**

Introduction:

Donation bins have steadily increased around the City over the past year. Staff is proactively proposing the creation of an ordinance to regulate the proliferation of donation bins to prevent visual clutter, potential parking issues, and any and all nuisances associated with unattended bins. The proposed ordinance would regulate the number, the type, the maintenance and the location of these donation bins.

Background:

Over the past year, staff has become aware that the number of donation bins in commercial parking lots has steadily increased. Most of the bins are being placed in locations that have high visibility along the City's major thoroughfares, but bins are now being placed in school and church parking lots, as well. It appears that all the bins are unmanned, and at times, the bins become overrun with items.

While charitable donation bins can serve a great purpose, staff is proposing to stay ahead of potential code issues by implementing some regulations that should make sure the bins are managed and well maintained. Staff will discuss these proposed regulations during this Work Session item, and an Ordinance will be brought forward at a later date for adoption if City Council would like to implement these regulations.

Benefit to the Community:

Regulating donation bins allows options for residents to deposit charitable donations without creating visual clutter in the community.

Legal Review:

Staff have been consulting with the City Attorney on this issue.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

None.