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RE: Data for Calls for Service Regarding Panhandling

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During the past several months, data regarding calls for service regarding panhandling has been gathered and analyzed. The term “panhandling” was used to conduct the search as Chapter 20 was in place during 2017. The data is from Metro 911 and was reviewed by Crime Analysts with Greensboro Police Department.

A short summary of the data is as follows:

Calls for Service regarding Panhandling in 2017:

Citizen Initiated Calls:

In 2017, there were 721 citizen initiated calls for service regarding panhandling. Of the 721 calls, 22 resulted in an arrest or citation for panhandling, 6 resulted in an arrest or citation for trespassing, 5 resulted in an arrest or citation for a failure to appear, 3 resulted in a drug or alcohol related arrest or citation, and 1 resulted in a consent search.

Officer Initiated Calls:

In 2017, there were 390 officer initiated calls for service regarding panhandling. Of the 390 calls, 157 calls resulted in either an arrest or citation. Of the 157 arrests or citations, 125 were arrests or citations related to solicitation, 13 were for a failure to appear in court on other unrelated charges, and 2 were for resist, delay or obstruct law enforcement.

Of the 157 arrests or citations, 21 had arrest warrants issued, 13 were arrest because of an outstanding order for arrest, and 120 were issued citations.

Of the other calls, 143 received a verbal warning, 86 had field contact reports, 3 were identified as no action and 1 was unable to locate.

In addition, I add the following data regarding 2018:



Call for Service 2018

On April 24, 2018, City Council voted to repeal the panhandling ordinance and enacted the aggressive solicitation ordinance. On May 15, City Council reconsidered its vote and there has not been a city ordinance regulating solicitation/ panhandling since that date.

From April 25, 2018 to May 15, 2018, there were 41 citizen initiated calls for service and 2 officer initiated calls regarding panhandling. From May 16, 2018 to July 8, 2018 there have been 85 citizen initiated calls for service and 9 officer initiated calls for panhandling.

Attached to this memorandum is the following:

Spreadsheet for Citizen Initiated Calls for 2017- one to view online and one to print

Map of locations of Citizen Initiated Calls for 2017

Hours of calls of Citizen Initiated Calls for 2017

Location of business for Citizen Initiated Calls for 2017

Spreadsheet for Police Initiated Calls for 2017

Map of locations of Police Initiated Calls for 2017

Hours of calls of Police Initiated Calls for 2017

Locations of Police Initiated Calls

Names of callers, officers and persons involved in the calls have been redacted from the data.

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