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Council Bill No. 113435

The City of Seattle
Council Bill/Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE relating to pawnshops; limiting the number of pawnbroker endorsements that may be issued as of January 1, 2000; and amending the Seattle Municipal Code Section 6.288.065

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Councilmember

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4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

5 Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code Section 6.288.065 is amended as follows:

6 **6.288.065 Pawnbrokers - - Limitation on numbers.**

7 A. From ~~((January 1, 1996))~~ January 1, 2000, until ~~((January 1, 2000))~~ January 1, 2002 no more
8 than two (2) Pawnbroker endorsements shall be issued in each calendar year for the conduct of
9 pawnbroker businesses at locations not licensed for pawnbroker activity on December 31st of the
10 immediately preceding year.

11 B. Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection A of this section, no Pawnbroker
12 endorsement shall be issued for the conduct of a pawnbroker business at a location not licensed for
13 pawnbroker activity in the previous year if, on the March 30th next preceding the effective date of the
14 license for which the Pawnbroker endorsement is sought, the number of locations licensed for pawnbroker
15 activity exceeds one (1) for every fifteen thousand (15,000) inhabitants of the City, as reflected in the then
16 most current final population figures available from the Washington State Office of Financial Management
17 or its functional successor. Subsections A and B shall not restrict reissuance of a Pawnbroker endorsement
18 to a new location.

19 C. The Chief of Police shall adopt and publicize a process for allocating new Pawnbroker
20 endorsements by chance if there are or there are reasonably expected to be more new applicants in a year or
21 other pertinent time period than the number of new endorsements permitted.

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23 functional successor during 1999))~~ the status of ~~((its))~~ the City's program for tracking pawn transactions
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1 and monitoring pawnshop operations to the City Council's Public Safety Committee or its functional
2 successor on or before June 1, 2001.

3 Section 2. It is the express intention of the Seattle City Council that this ordinance shall apply
4 retroactively to all pending applications for pawnshop endorsements, and that no pawnshop endorsements
5 shall be issued except in conformity with the terms of this ordinance.

6 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its
7 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after
8 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

9 Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of October, 2000, and signed by me in open
10 session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of October, 2000.

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12 Richard L. M^oney
President pro tem of the City Council

13 Approved by me this 30th day of OCTOBER, 2000.

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15 Paul Sill
Mayor

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17 Filed by me this 31st day of October, 2000.

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19 Ann Danford
City Clerk

20 (Seal)





City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

Seattle Police Department

Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police

October 6, 2000

Honorable Margaret Pageler, Chair
Water Resources, Solid Waste & Public Health Committee
Seattle City Council

VIA CBO

Dear Councilmember Pageler:

We request the City Council's approval of the attached ordinance extending the current licensing limitation for pawnshops within the City of Seattle. We apologize for the short turnaround time for this legislative request. However, the Property Inspection Squad, which monitors pawnshop activity, is already struggling to keep up with the transactions generated by the existing pawnshops.

In 1997 Ordinance 118831 was passed by the Seattle City Council limiting the number of new pawnshops to two per year, up to a maximum of 36, as determined by current population statistics. There are presently 29 outstanding pawnshop endorsements in Seattle. Thus, the current ordinance authorizes 7 additional pawnshop endorsements. Of the 29 outstanding endorsements, 19 are currently associated with active pawnshops. Ten endorsements are not associated with active pawnshops, but could become active at any time. In 2000 to date, 14 additional applications have been submitted. Accordingly, if the pawnshop endorsement limitation is not continued, there is a possibility that the number of active pawnshops could increase in 2000 by 17, to a total of 36 active locations. This increase would nearly double the workload currently handled by the Property Inspection Squad. Such a dramatic increase in activity would overwhelm the Squad's resources and likely lead to an increase in stolen property being sold back into the community.

If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact Assistant Chief John Pirak of the Criminal Investigations Bureau at 684-5485 or Marian Merkel at 684-5148. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

R. Gil Kerlikowske
Chief of Police

RGK:clc

Seattle Police Department, 610 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1886

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Letter to Jim Compton

10/9/2000

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cc: A/C Clark Kimerer, Chief of Staff
A/C John Pirak, Criminal Investigations Bureau
Captain Greg Ayco, Coordinated Criminal Investigations
Lt. Richard Hybak, Decentralized Detectives
Sgt. Mark Sabourin, Property Inspection
Greg Petersen, CBO
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B. Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection A of this section, no Pawnbroker endorsement shall be issued for the conduct of a pawnbroker business at a location not licensed for pawnbroker activity in the previous year if, on the March 30th next preceding the effective date of the license for which the Pawnbroker endorsement is sought, the number of locations licensed for pawnbroker activity exceeds one (1) for every fifteen thousand (15,000) inhabitants of the City, as reflected in the then most current final population figures available from the Washington State Office of Financial Management or its functional successor. Subsections A and B shall not restrict reissuance of a Pawnbroker endorsement to a new location.

C. The Chief of Police shall adopt and publicize a process for allocating new Pawnbroker endorsements by chance if there are or there are reasonably expected to be more new applicants in a year or other pertinent time period than the number of new endorsements permitted.

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President _____ of the City Council

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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City of Seattle, Clerk's Office

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Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ _____, which amount has been paid in full.

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Notary Public for the State of Washington,
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RICHARD J. MEYER,
President pro tem of the City Council,
Approved by me this 30th day of October, 2000.

PAUL SCHELL,
Mayor,
Filed by me this 31st day of October, 2000.

(Seal) ERNIE DORNFELD,
Acting City Clerk,
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City Clerk.

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