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Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Mayor Feinsod and City Council Members

FROM: Edward F. Lavallee, City Manager 

RE: Garage Sales

DATE: January 7, 2020

In the past, in response to the proliferation of garage sales in the City and related complaints about the abuse of this mechanism to conduct neighborhood sales, the City Council enacted the attached garage sale ordinance for purposes of establishing regulatory control over this process. The ordinance contains a sunset clause as a means of fostering a timely review of the propriety and practicality of the rules contained in the ordinance.

Staff reviewed the utilization of the ordinance and determined that it has value in documenting and regulating garage sales. Accordingly, the Council is requested to delete the expiration date of the current ordinance and reenact the ordinance for continued use. Further, as there are administrative and field-level expenses in regulating this process, at a future date staff may request Council to enact an application fee for garage sale permits. The fee would help offset the administrative cost of reviewing garage sale applications, issuing permits, and conducting field inspections for compliance with permits issued. At this time, in consideration of the sunset clause and for purposes of continuing the ordinance without a lapse in time, Council is requested to delete the sunset clause and otherwise continue the ordinance in its current form.

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Attachment