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SUBJECT: Review and Amend Article X Graffiti Ordinance

DATE: May 30, 2008

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully request City Staff to review and amend Article X of the City Ordinance commonly known as the Graffiti Ordinance. The City of San Antonio continues to have a problem with citywide graffiti despite the passage of the current Graffiti Ordinance adopted in 2007. The current ordinance requires enhancement to address the ongoing issue of graffiti.

Brief Background

The current Graffiti Ordinance was adopted by the City of San Antonio in 2007. Graffiti continues to be a problem and one of the top five complaints received by our office. In an effort to address concerns brought forth by the constituents of District 10, I request City Staff to review the current Graffiti Ordinance and provide recommendations to further address this citywide problem.

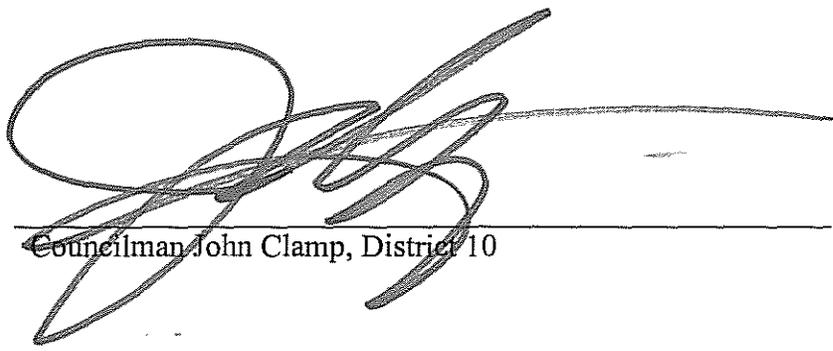
In the spirit of the "Broken Window Theory" the whole community needs to assist in addressing graffiti. Property owners and occupants need to take responsibility in helping to clean up their community. This responsibility should be part of the revised ordinance. Additionally, a mandate that requires current business and residential property owners/tenants abate graffiti on their property should be incorporated.

City Staff should also consider options for businesses who consider graffiti a form of art. Should a business choose to designate a surface for artistic endeavors a permitting process should be required. This process should successfully identify these areas and assure city supervision. Any fees assessed through this permit process should cover the administration of the process and a portion allocated to Graffiti Abatement for monitoring and graffiti abatement efforts.

City Staff should also look at present options in addressing the prevention and apprehension of these offenders. Graffiti is not a victimless crime. It has a detrimental effect on property owners, communities and the city as a whole. The societal costs are far greater than the

monetary cost of clean up.

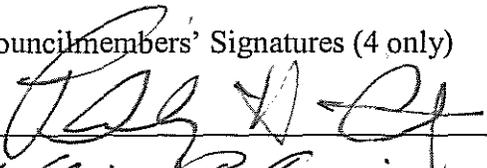
Submitted for Council consideration
by:



Councilman John Clamp, District 10

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