

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
 Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
 From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**  
 Date: **March 23, 2020**

## **Final Reading of Ordinance No. 20-005 Related to Pawnbrokers**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Police Department would like to formally move from the current pawn broker and precious metal dealer reporting software to another system. The current ordinance does not allow this to occur as it specifically states what system we must utilize.

The system the Police Department would like to utilize has already been implemented by Pawn America and West Saint Paul Gold and Silver Exchange. This system is much more user friendly, is utilized by most cities in Minnesota, including St Paul where we recover most of our stolen merchandise through pawn shops.

There are no additional costs associated with moving to the new system which is called LeadsOnline.

The ordinance amendment allows for the Police Department to approve any reporting software for pawn brokers and precious metal dealers and removes citing use of a specific system. As technology rapidly changes, there may be a better system out there in the future for all stakeholders and this would give the Police Department the ability to adapt with the technology.

Attached is the ordinance amendment which was approved on the first reading at the Council meeting on March 9, 2020. Official publication of the hearing tonight has been published in the City’s designated newspaper in accordance to applicable laws.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Fund:</b>		<b>None</b>
<b>Department:</b>		
<b>Account:</b>		

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Hold a required Public Hearing on the ordinance changes, discuss the changes, and hold a vote regarding Ordinance No. 20-005 Amending Section 111.07 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding an Automated Pawn System for Pawnbrokers and Precious Metal Dealers.