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DATE: May 18, 2017

TO: Public Safety Committee, Finance Committee

FROM: Elizabeth Majerus, Staff Attorney

RE: Ordinance revisions for May meeting

Enclosed is an ordinance making many changes to the Manitowoc Municipal Code (MMC). Taken as a whole, this draft ordinance amendment simplifies code provisions relating to crimes of morality and sexual morality. It eliminates outdated, unused provisions. It also expands our police department's arsenal of citable offenses with the hope that we can halt human trafficking within Manitowoc. To explain in a clear and concise way, I outline those changes below.

**Gambling:** This is a state law violation and ordinance references are being removed.

**Vagrancy:** Wisconsin Statutes § 947.02 defines and prohibits vagrancy and the Police Department is not using our ordinance sections and has not for some time.

**Confectionary Stores, Ice Cream Parlors, Closing Hours:** This provision is obsolete.

**Prostitution:** The MMC had prostitution-related provisions peppered throughout. I consolidated them into one section. Language was drawn from other communities, including Milwaukee and Green Bay, in order to best assist the police department in its prosecution of human trafficking and prostitution. The forfeiture amounts noted were approved by Judge Olson, as required by state law, and are intentionally high to discourage this behavior.

**Escort Service License:** This provision was created as an "assist" to our prostitution ordinances. More information will be shared with the Committee by the Police Department. Language, fees and forfeitures were drawn from other communities including Grand Chute, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Green Bay where anti-human trafficking programs have been successfully established. The license is rarely, if ever, sought so this provision should not create much additional work for our City Clerk staff. The fees and penalties are high in order to better discourage this conduct and service. The forfeiture amounts noted were approved by Judge Olson, as required by state law, and are intentionally high to discourage this behavior.

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