

# City of Cincinnati



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## Motion

**WE MOVE** that the Law Department provide a legal analysis of, and prepare the appropriate legislation required to implement the following programs:

1. Publishing the names, photos and license plate numbers of "Johns" who are arrested for soliciting prostitutes in the local Cincinnati newspapers and any other willing media outlets.
2. Seizing motor vehicles of customers who are caught soliciting prostitutes or drugs.
3. Establishing a "John School" for first time offenders as has been done in San Francisco, CA.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that this analysis and required legislation be available for Council consideration no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 so these programs can be implemented at the earliest possible date.

## Statement

Prostitution is a quality of life problem that our various neighborhood residents should simply not have to endure. After receiving a number of resident complaints from a number of community's throughout Cincinnati about prostitution problems in their neighborhood's, often occurring in broad daylight, it is imperative that we as a council look outside the box to find as many ways to attack this problem as possible.



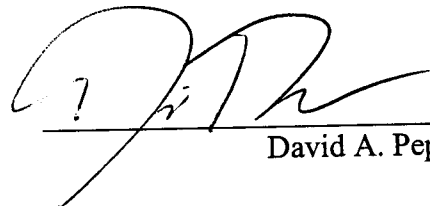
Though prostitution is considered a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor that carries with it a maximum of 90 days in prison and a \$500 fine it is rare that the maximum sentence is imposed by a judge. While our law enforcement officials are doing all they can to attack the prostitution problem on the "supply" side it is crucial that we as a city do all we can to assist the police and attack this problem on the "demand" side as well.

There are many accounts from residents and law enforcement officials that many "Johns" drive to Cincinnati from Kentucky, Indiana and other surrounding suburbs to engage in illegal activities. Public attention to those who are soliciting prostitutes and drug dealers has been a proven deterrent in other cities.

Attached are examples of what other cities, such as Toledo, OH; La Mesa, CA; Aurora, CO; West Palm Beach, FL; St. Paul, MN; Portland, OR and San Francisco, CA have implemented to tackle the problem of prostitution in their cities. All of these programs have been held up in the courts and appear to have been quite successful.

It is crucial that programs modeled after these, if legal, are implemented here in Cincinnati as soon as possible.

  
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