




## MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 14, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress   
City Manager

From: Jim Young  
Director of Code Compliance

Subject: Adding Sections 26-137 through 26-140 to the Code of Ordinances

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### **Introduction**

The City Commission will consider adding Sections 26-137 through 26-140 to the Code of Ordinances.

### **Background**

Abandoned shopping carts create a nuisance on public and private properties throughout the city and with cleanliness being a priority in the City's Strategic Plan there needs to be some regulation regarding the unlawful removal of shopping carts from businesses, besides a person being subject to arrest by the KWPD. Abandoned shopping carts tend to be left on City streets and sidewalks causing obstructions and are also utilized to contain refuse. In addition, Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover has formed a "Kitchen Cabinet" consisting of several local business owners who are attempting to reduce the visual blight along the North Roosevelt Boulevard business corridor caused by illegal signage and abandoned shopping carts, some that are filled with trash and garbage. Commissioner Hoover requested the City Manager to conduct an area canvass along with the Director of Code Compliance during which we observed several abandoned shopping carts and several violations of the City's Sign Ordinance. This proposed addition will go into effect six months after the second reading would allow Code Compliance to enforce this regulation against the Corporation by issuing the violation to the store manager.

### **Recommendation**

The Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the addition of Sections 26-137 through 26-140 to the Code of Ordinances.

