



Council Study Session Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Council Chambers, 1175 E Main Street

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5:30 p.m. Study Session

I. PUBLIC FORUM

15 minutes – Public input or comment on City business not included on the agenda

II. ELEA - Enhanced Law Enforcement Area

a. Enhanced Law Enforcement Area Changes

III. ADJOURNMENT

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Agenda Item	Enhanced Law Enforcement Area Changes
From	Tighe O'Meara, Police Chief
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SUMMARY

Staff is bringing forward information to further the discussion around amending the Enhanced Law Enforcement Area (ELEA) ordinance. Council recently authorized the application of the current ELEA framework to the Ashland Street business corridor. Staff is bringing information in support of modifying the current ordinance to allow for more flexible response for APD officers to address chronic negative behavior.

Legal staff will also bring forward information on other cities' efforts to offer similar solutions, as well as providing options to allow for more tools to address incidents of reckless/unauthorized burning.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

NA

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The ELEA framework has been part of Ashland Municipal Code since 2012. While this has been an effective tool in addressing chronic negative behavior, it has also proven to have some pitfalls that do not allow for officers to efficiently address chronic negative behavior.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The police department has a contract with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to rent up to three jail beds at a cost of \$110 per night per bed. However, a person arrested under this ordinance is not automatically placed a jail bed pursuant to that contract. An arrest that does not fall under that contract does not incur any additional cost for the City.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS, MOTIONS, AND/OR OPTIONS

Staff is seeking Council direction on how to proceed, if at all, on changes to the ELEA and other related ordinances.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

None