



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00200

City Council

2/25/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Delarian Wiggins

SUBJECT:

GUN BUY BACK INITIATIVE AND PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the specifics of the Gun Buy Back Initiative / Program for the City of Pensacola.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

In a continued effort to take proactive steps in reducing the number of firearms that are being used as instruments for crime, this gun buyback initiative / program allows for the safe disposal of fully functional handguns and semi-automatic rifles. The buyback initiative helps to decrease the chance of firearms getting stolen or falling into the wrong hands, whether it be that of a child or a criminal and subsequently being used inappropriately.

This program will also allow for educational opportunities to enhance responsible gun ownership.

The intent of the initiative is to take in fully functional firearms in exchange for a cash stipend as follows:

Handguns:

Semi-Automatic -- \$150.00

Revolver -- \$125.00

Semi-Automatic Rifle -- \$200.00

This event will be held at Bill Gregory park on Saturday, March 20, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The serial numbers on all weapons will be checked by the Pensacola Police Department to ensure that no law enforcement holds exist. Those weapons identified as having no holds will be subsequently destroyed.

PRIOR ACTION:

January 21, 2020 - City Council approved the concept of conducting a Gun Buy Back Initiative / Program

FUNDING:

Budget: \$ 0

Actual: \$10,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The \$10,000 for this initiative is being provided from within the Mayor's Discretionary Funds

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Gun Buy Back Flier

PRESENTATION: No