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Committee recommends approval of shopping cart ordinance

Statement of Alderwoman Chantia Lewis November 20, 2017

Today, the Public Safety and Health Committee voted to recommend adoption of legislation that would create an ordinance to fine owners and residents who remove, or allow for the removal of shopping carts from businesses. I authored this legislation after a Common Council study found that abandoned shopping carts create blight in neighborhoods, reduce property values, and obstruct pedestrian and vehicular traffic -- creating a health, safety, and general welfare issue for the city.

It is a waste of valuable time and city resources to retrieve the carts and assess fines for businesses. If the ordinance is approved we will be requiring businesses to install technology worth \$28 to secure \$150 of investments in shopping carts. We hope this will address the high number of carts that end up in our neighborhoods and near major intersections.

The legislation now moves to the full Common Council for review on November 28 and I urge my colleagues to vote for its adoption.

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