



City of Phoenix

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 19 OF THE PHOENIX CITY CODE – SCRAP METAL DEALERS

To: Scrap Metal Dealers

From: City of Phoenix Police Department

Re: Proposed reinstatement of Scrap Metal Dealer licensing and ordinance amendments to Chapter 19 of the Phoenix City Code to conform to changes in state law.

### Request for Copy:

If you would like a copy of the text of the draft proposed ordinance amendments, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Notice, please contact the Phoenix Police Department Pawnshop Detail Supervisor, Sergeant Jeff Chapman, through email at [jeff.chapman@phoenix.gov](mailto:jeff.chapman@phoenix.gov) or by telephone at 602-495-6724.

### Summary of Proposed Changes:

Reinstatement of Scrap Metal Dealer Licensing: In September 2013, the Arizona State Legislature passed a law requiring scrap metal dealers to register with the State and preempting City licensing for scrap metal dealers. The City stopped licensing scrap metal dealers in December 2013. In 2014, an amendment to state law was approved by the legislature clarifying cities can have licensing systems for scrap metal dealers if they include background checks and fingerprinting. It is now being proposed that City of Phoenix reinstate its scrap metal dealer licensing program.

Conform Sections of the Phoenix City Code (PCC) to State Law: Since 2013, several changes have been made to state law regulating scrap metal dealers. These changes do not match the existing rules outlined in PCC Chapter 19 for scrap metal dealers. The following changes to PCC Chapter 19 are recommended to conform sections of the city code to current state law:

- Eliminate thresholds for reporting (PCC §19-60): Require all scrap metal transactions to be reported.
- Amend Transaction Limitations: Require payment by check or money order by mail to the seller's physical address for non-ferrous transactions greater than \$300, and payment for air conditioning coils for any amount (no threshold).
- Add Prohibited Transactions: Prohibit the transaction of municipal storm grates.

The Phoenix Police Department is seeking City Council approval of the proposed amendments. If approved and enacted by City Council, businesses that had an active City scrap metal dealer license in September 2013 will be provided with instructions on relicensing procedures. Additionally, new license application procedures will be available to all stakeholders on the License Services website ([www.phoenix.gov/licenseservices](http://www.phoenix.gov/licenseservices)).

**This item is currently proposed to be scheduled on an upcoming Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee meeting agenda. If you would like notification of the subcommittee meeting date once the item is scheduled, please send your email address to: [jeff.chapman@phoenix.gov](mailto:jeff.chapman@phoenix.gov). You may also check periodically for Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee agendas online on the City Council Meetings web page at [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov).**