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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to delete Article 55 and thereby repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services.

Existing Law

In 2019, the City enacted Article 55 of the Police Code, consisting of Sections 5500-5506, which is known as the Legal Rights for Legal Tender Ordinance. This law requires that brick-and-mortar businesses accept up to $5,000 in cash for the purchase of goods and services, other than professional services. The County Sealer is charged with enforcing the ordinance, and a violation is considered an infraction or misdemeanor.

Amendment to Current Law

The proposed ordinance deletes Article 55 in its entirety and thereby repeals the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services. Upon repeal of the law, brick-and-mortar businesses can determine if they wish to transact in cash.

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