

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-213

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Dennis

**Date of Introduction:** March 26, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, TEU, LUZ

**Date of Analysis:** March 28, 2019

**Type of Action:** Declaration of enforcement moratorium

**Bill Summary:** The bill declares a moratorium on the enforcement of the City's Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law as it relates to illegal "snipe signs" from the effective date of the ordinance through June 30, 2019. The moratorium would also apply to other Code sections which could apply to signs within the public right-of-way, including Sec. 326.104, Sec. 320.413(b) and Sec. 656.1303(I)(2) and (L).

**Background Information:** The Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law is codified in Ordinance Code Chapter 741, enacted in 2004. The bill provides mandatory standards for litter clean-up, requires annual reporting, and provides for enforcement and penalties. The definition of "litter" includes "snipe signs" placed illegally in public rights-of-way or on other public property without the permission of the property owner. The Zero-Tolerance Law requires the Mayor to deliver a written and oral report to the City Council between April 15 and April 30 each year on the City's compliance with the terms of the ordinance in the previous fiscal year and during the first 6 months of the current fiscal year, including the number of litter complaints received from the public and the number of enforcement citations issued.

This bill provides for a moratorium on the enforcement of the Zero-Tolerance law as it relates to "snipe signs" during the spring and early summer in recognition of City elections and the spring real estate and yard sale seasons, temporarily deferring enforcement action until the City Council can receive and evaluate the April Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law annual report and determine the effectiveness of the law as currently written.

**Policy Impact Area:** Litter control

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Analyst:** Clements