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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Vendors

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Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Last week the Council discussed street vendors and pop-up businesses which have been an issue for many years. I thank the Council for taking a step in the right direction which is to control where these businesses can locate. The other issue is having these businesses obtain a city business license the same as all of our brick and mortar businesses are required. Last week a council member stated they had asked a street vendor if he had a business license and of course the answer was yes. I have done the same thing being both on and off the Council but I asked the follow-up question, 'where is it?'. The answers were either 'it's at home' or 'I don't have it here'. Of course. As I recall a business license is to be available for public viewing. This past Valentine's Day while being in East Escondido I noticed 7 pop-up flower businesses 5 of which were in the parking lot in the shopping center at Rose and Valley. I'm sure they all had a one day permit from the city. If we are going to have a level playing field then either all businesses must have a license or none. One or the other not pick and choose. When I was on the council we had code enforcement visit the Swap Meet and found about 200 unlicensed operators. When was the last time code did that? Thank you for your time.