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Public Hearing on Bill 40-18, Secondhand Personal Property – Dealers – License

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Current law requires a dealer in secondhand personal property to obtain a license from the Office of Consumer Protection, report all transactions to the Police, and hold all property received for a certain period of time after reporting the transaction. Further, under current law definitions, individuals and businesses that assist in coordination and marketing of estate sales and other personal property sales held at the residence of the owner of the personal property are covered under the law's definition of "dealer," even though they are not the intended target of the law's requirements.

Bill 40-18 would correct this by excluding from the definition of "secondhand personal property" personal property that is offered for sale only on residential property and is owned by a resident of that property or part of the estate of a deceased immediate past resident of that property.

The Chamber appreciates the County working to eliminate hurdles for individuals and business owners. MCCC appreciates Councilmember Friedson's forethought on this issue and urges a favorable adoption.