



City of McKinney Press Release

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McKinney joins other area cities and bans K2

City Council passes citywide ban, supports state legislation

McKINNEY, TEXAS (July 21, 2010) – This week McKinney City Council approved an ordinance to ban the sale and possession of a substance called K2. An approved amendment to the current smoking ordinance immediately makes the sale, delivery, offer, gift or possession of the restricted substance a misdemeanor punishable by fine.

This substance currently sold under the names K2, K-2 Summit, Genie, Sage and more, and marketed as incense has the same, if not greater, psychological effects of a controlled substance like marijuana. The restricted product includes a mixture of dried vegetation covered or mixed with chemicals to induce a “high’ feeling.

“McKinney is not the first city banning the K2 substance, but we are taking a strong stand against it in our schools and in our community,” said Police Chief Doug Kowalski. “It is dangerous on the same level as other controlled substances and drugs, and we want to take action to ban it early. McKinney officers are immediately enforcing this ordinance.”

While the substance has not yet been designated as a controlled substance under state or federal laws, City Council passed a resolution supporting state legislation to add the product to the list of controlled and regulated substances under the Texas health and safety code.

“State legislation governing this ban is necessary in order to truly rid our community of this growing problem. Our elected officials are leading the charge, and we hope that by passing our own ordinances banning the substance and supporting them, we can help their efforts at the state level,” said City Councilmember Geralyn Keever.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of more than 127,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and

developments, and it was recently ranked as the #5 Best Places to Live by Money Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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