

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
STAFF REPORT**

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Date Prepared: November 23, 2010 Council Meeting Date: December 7, 2010

TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager

FROM: Larry J. Ratcliff, Police Chief

SUBJECT: **Discussion of New City Ordinance – Pharmacy Dispensing Regulations**

SUMMARY:

The Police Department would like the city to propose a new city code which puts some added restrictions on the sale of Schedule 1 and 2 drugs by pharmacies in the City of Peoria. The primary focus of the new ordinance is to help deter fraudulent/forged prescriptions for Oxycontin, a doctor prescribed pain medication. The police department is being inundated with fraudulent/forged prescriptions for Oxycontin. There is a huge black market for the drug and the abuse of Oxycontin is becoming a national epidemic.

By putting some extra checks and balances on the dispensing of Schedule 1 and 2 drugs by pharmacies, the Police Department feels the number of crimes involving these drugs will greatly decrease in the City of Peoria. It will not hinder a person's ability to obtain the drugs legally.

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