



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Councilor Kaser, Ward One

SUBJECT:

Motion from Councilor Kaser requiring all television monitors available to the public to use closed captioning.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

MOTION:

I move to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for Council's consideration requiring the use of closed captioning on televisions in areas made available for the public.

DISCUSSION:

Authorize staff to prepare an ordinance to include requirement and develop enforcement provision. Ensuring closed captioning is turned on provides for swift communications in emergency situations as well as equitable access to general programming. Include plan for public education and outreach to include members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities and applicable business representatives. The requirement to use closed captioning would apply to all televisions that are available to public, including television monitors in places of public accommodation, such as retail and service businesses.

