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Pawn ordinance goes into effect

An ordinance requiring pawnbrokers within the city to join a electronic recordkeeping database went into effect Monday.

City council unanimously approved the second reading of the ordinance, which calls for pawnshops to add the **LeadsOnline** database. The database can be accessed by the Elizabethtown Police Department, with each transaction added every 24 hours.

EPD Spokesman Virgil Willoughby said the program is helpful because the department will be able to search the inventory of each shop in the city to better track stolen property.

The ordinance gives the shops 30 days to comply and failure to do so will result in a misdemeanor. If convicted, a pawnbroker could be fined up to \$25 a day until the database is established.

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