

Port council OKs ordinance outlawing fake pot

Written by Ozaukee Press

Wednesday, 11 May 2011 17:39

Fake marijuana — aka K2, Spice, Genie, Yucatan Fire, Blaze and any number of other names — is now illegal in the City of Port Washington.

With little comment last Wednesday, the Common Council unanimously approved an ordinance making it illegal to possess, sell or purchase the faux drug, which is often sold as incense.

“It seems to be the new trend right now,” City Administrator Mark Grams said of the faux drug. “Now, they won’t be able to buy it, smoke it or even have it in Port Washington.”

Port Washington joins communities such as Cedarburg, Waukesha and Eau Claire in outlawing the synthetic drug, which officials said has become more common in recent months.

Most recently, police officers confiscated 26 grams of fake marijuana from a group of seven teens, five of them 15-year-olds, while investigating a complaint.

Officers confiscated the substance but could not ticket the teens for possessing it because there is no law against it, officials said.

The new ordinance allows for the chemical to be confiscated and calls for a fine of between \$100 and \$500 for possession of fake marijuana and a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 for the sale, display, delivery or distribution of the substance.