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THE KEY WEST CITY COMMISSION HAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING POLICE

THE OPTION TO ISSUE CIVIL CITATIONS

FOR POSSESSION OF LESS THAN 20 GRAMS

OF MARIJUANA.

THE CITATION WOULD AMOUNT TO A TICKET WITH A 100-DOLLAR FINE.

THE ORDINANCE MIRRORS SIMILAR LAWS RECENTLY PASSED IN MIAMI-DADE AND BROWARD COUNTIES...

AND THE MEASURE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION.

KEY WEST POLICE CHIEF DONIE LEE SUPPORTS THE MEASURE, BUT SAYS IT WON'T BRING A MAJOR CHANGE FOR OFFICERS WHO ALREADY EXERCISE DISCRETION...

[:24] NOW TO WRITE A CITATION {FILE #11653}

THE CITY ORDINANCE DOES NOT DE-CRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA... THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

THE NEW RULE TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.
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