

Originator Public Works / Engineering	Item City Code Amendment – Chapter 8, Traffic, Vehicles, and Parking		Item # 3
Agenda Section HEARING/PUBLIC INPUT Ordinances	By JCD	Approved	Date February 28, 2013

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: City of Bloomington

Request: City Code Amendment –
Update Chapter 8, Traffic, Vehicles, and Parking

CHRONOLOGY

Planning Commission Agenda: 2/28/13 – Public hearing scheduled.

DEADLINE FOR AGENCY ACTION

The applicant has waived the agency action deadline for this application.

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APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

Bloomington City Code:

Sec. 1.11 City Code Provisions that are Administrative Offenses

Sec. 5.21 Parks and Playgrounds – Regulations (Parking)

Chapter 8 Traffic, Vehicles, and Parking (chapter reorganized)

Sec. 10.29.07 Noise Code – Operational Limits (Recreational Vehicles)

Sec. 12.01.01 Public Peace and Safety – General Provisions (Definitions)

Sec. 12.03 Property Conditions Constituting a Public Nuisance

Council Action

Motion by _____ Second by _____ to _____

Sec. 14.03	Fees
Sec. 14.31	Traffic Regulations
Sec. 14.545	Standard for Health, Safety and Nuisance Prevention
Sec. 21.301.08	Fences

Minnesota Statutes:

Chapter 168B	Abandoned Motor Vehicles; Towing
Chapter 169	Traffic Regulations
Chapter 65B	Automobile Insurance
Chapter 84	Department of Natural Resources (Off-Road Vehicles, Snowmobiles)

Federal Regulations:

Federal Commercial Truck Regulations

PROPOSAL

Chapter 8 of the City Code deals with Traffic, Vehicles and Parking and is primarily utilized by the Engineering and Environmental Health Divisions and Police and Legal Departments. Some portions of Chapter 8 have not been updated since they were originally written in 1958 and some sections directly conflicted with State Statute. In addition, Chapter 8 included many out-of-date lists of signs, signals, streets, and on-street parking restrictions.

The entire Chapter was reorganized with this update. Chapter 8 was formerly titled Vehicles and Traffic and it is proposed to now be titled Traffic, Vehicles and Parking. This chapter of the City Code was missing a General Provisions section, which has now been added and includes Findings and Purpose, State Laws Adopted by Reference, a consolidated list of Definitions, and Penalties and Severability. The Traffic Regulations and Traffic Code Articles have been consolidated into one Article titled Traffic Code. Vehicle Regulations and Parking remain in separate articles.

For the Traffic Code article, all regulations that are already covered in State Statute have been removed for the City Code and a statement has been added that State Laws have been adopted by reference. All lists of streets, signs, signals, intersections, and school crossings have been removed. A new section for Excess Dimension, Weight or Load vehicles has been added and a new permit will be required for those vehicles. A new section for Parking, Stopping, or Standing has been added to clarify where those actions are prohibited. Other existing sections have been modified for clarification or to update to meet current standards.

For the Vehicle Regulations article, Abandoned, Junk and Inoperable vehicles have been consolidated. Other minor updates have been included with this update.

In the Parking article, the main update is the removal of the list of No Parking Zones and the designation of an official map of No Parking Zones, in lieu of the previous list in City Code. A corresponding On-Street Parking

policy document was written to provide a procedure for updating the No Parking Zones Map. The Winter Parking Restrictions section was updated to include Snow Emergency events, in addition to the existing 3” of snow event that required an automatic parking ban to take effect.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of proposed amendments to the City Code updating Chapter 8 and other affected sections.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Ordinance
- Proposed On-Street Parking Policy