

Traffic and Parking Board City Code Amendment

City Council
December 11, 2018



Purpose

- Existing Code section has not been significantly reviewed and updated since 1963
- Current language is inconsistent with current practice
 - "all matters concerning traffic, parking and taxicabs, shall be presented to the board for its consideration"
- Opportunity to:
 - Clarify the Board's role in traffic and parking matters
 - Improve the review process for some items
 - Update related sections
 - Implement actions from various plans, including Vision Zero



Proposed Amendments

Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services)

- Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks)
 - Article B Parades
- Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations)
 - Article A Traffic and Parking Board
 - Article G Parking Meters
 - Article J On Street Parking Standards

Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic)

- Chapter 2 (Traffic Regulation)
 - Article A Traffic Division
 - Article B Miscellaneous Regulations
- Chapter 3 (Operation of Vehicles)
 - Article A General Provisions
- Chapter 4 (Stopping, Standing, and Parking)



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Update the Board's Purpose

The traffic and parking board shall consider matters concerning **substantial changes** to traffic and on-street parking regulations, and taxicabs. When reviewing these matters, the Board shall **prioritize safety** of all users when making recommendations.

Proposed Amendment Board Purpose, Duties, and Procedures

Update the Board's duties to include specific issues

- Provide a forum for public comments
- Consider matters related to:
 - taxis
 - residential permit parking
 - metered parking
 - curb cut appeals
- Render advice and make recommendations to the Director of T&ES and City Manager on specific parking and traffic issues (except when reviewed by another board or commission)
- Render advice and make recommendations to Council on:
 - City Code amendments related to traffic and parking
 - One-way streets
 - Truck Routes





Formalizes the Director's Authority to Administer this Chapter

 Includes a process for when the Director takes alternate action from the Board's recommendation

Modifies Appeals Process

- Relocated to be included the City Code section related to the Board
- Clarifies what can be appealed and the process



Proposed Amendment Council Review

City Council Currently has Final Review (under Section 10-2-7)	Proposed Change
One way streets	No Change - Council makes final decision
Parking meter zones	Change to Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES – Council would have final approval in instances where the Board and Director disagree
Traffic lights	Change to Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES
Prohibiting parking on more than one half of any city block	Change to Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES
Transit routes	Remove from Council and Board purview
Truck routes	No Change - Council makes final decision





- Remove the Parking Meter blocks from the City Code and create an official map of metered locations
- Changes meter holidays to match federal holiday instead of state holidays and allows City Manager to designate additional meter holidays
- Removes the meter rate from the City Code and allows it to be set by Council resolution





- Update section to cover special events, using the special events policy and procedures
- Rename section as "Special Events and Parades"
- Eliminate Board review of parade routes
- Move to RP&CA section of the Code



Proposed Amendment Miscellaneous

- Eliminates the majority of the On-Street Parking Standards section since it's inconsistent with Complete Streets Design Guidelines and other City policies/practices
- Eliminate Play Street sections
- Extend No Parking area at alleys
- Add a section to explicitly prohibit parking in bike lanes



Recommendation

Consider the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and final passage on Saturday, December 15, 2018