

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Discussion of Ordinance No. 803 – Amendments to the Model Traffic Ordinance		
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works		
PRESENTED BY:	Kendra Dedinsky, City Traffic Engineer		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline, by Ordinance No. 27, adopted by reference the Washington Model Traffic Ordinance, chapter 308-330 WAC, thereby establishing non-criminal traffic infraction provisions. These provisions were subsequently codified as [Chapter 10.05](#) of the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) Model Traffic Ordinance.

The existing Model Traffic Ordinance does not explicitly prohibit parking within dedicated bus, bike, or turn lanes. New dedicated bike lanes have recently been established on multiple roadways throughout the City as part of the Bike Plan Implementation Project. In addition, the Aurora Improvement Project established a continuous bus and turn lane along the Aurora Avenue corridor. The completion of these projects has highlighted the need for amendments to the Model Traffic Ordinance to support enforceability of necessary parking restrictions along these new facilities.

The existing ordinance also lacks specific definition of the maximum allowable time that a vehicle can remain parked within City Right of Way. Staff recommends setting a 72 hour time limit for which cars can remain parked before moving. This time limit is consistent with most other jurisdictions in the region and will therefore maintain consistency with driver expectation. Some jurisdictions include in their regulations how far a vehicle must move in order to restart the 72 hour limit. At this time, staff is not recommending setting a specific distance that a vehicle must move. If Council feels that a 'move distance', such as "vehicles must move to a different block", should be included in the regulations, additional language can be included in the proposed ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 803 (Attachment A) amends the Model Traffic Ordinance by providing clarity and an additional enforcement tool for regulating parking by explicitly prohibiting parking within designated bike, bus, and/or turn lanes. In addition, the proposed amendment specifically defines the maximum amount of time a vehicle can remain parked within City Right of Way. Tonight, Council will discuss proposed Ordinance No. 803, which is schedule to be brought back to Council for adoption on October 30, 2017.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed amendment has no direct financial impact to the City.

RECOMMENDATION

No Council action is required at this time. Staff recommends that Council discuss the proposed amendments and determine if additional information is needed for consideration. Proposed Ordinance No. 803 is scheduled to be brought back to Council for adoption on November 13, 2017.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A: Proposed Ordinance No. 803

Approved By: City Manager ***DT*** City Attorney ***MK***

ORDINANCE NO. 803

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE 10.05 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN BICYCLE LANES, TRANSIT LANES, AND DEDICATED TURN LANES AND TO LIMIT THE PERIOD OF TIME A VEHICLE MAY BE PARKED ON A STREET OR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, on July 10, 1995, the City of Shoreline, by Ordinance No. 27, adopted by reference Washington's Model Traffic Ordinance, chapter 308-330 WAC, thereby establishing non-criminal traffic infraction provisions; and

WHEREAS, these provisions were subsequently codified as chapter 10.05 SMC Model Traffic Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, SMC 10.05.030(B) amends WAC 308-330-462 which pertains to vehicle stopping, standing, and parking to reflect local preferences; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.61.570(2), which is adopted by referenced in WAC 308-330-462, authorizes the City to impose a time limit or parking restrictions upon roadways under the City's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, given the addition of bicycle lanes, transit (bus) lanes, and dedicated turn lanes through public works projects that have altered existing parking along the public right-of-way, SMC 10.05.030(B) needs to be amended to prohibit parking within these areas; and

WHEREAS, the parking of vehicles on a street or municipal property for an extended period of time is contrary to the public interest as it can result in negative effects in the surrounding community;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code 10.05.030(B) is amended as follows:

B. WAC 308-330-462 is amended to read as follows:

WAC 308-330-462 RCW sections adopted – Stopping, standing, and parking. The following sections of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) pertaining to vehicle stopping, standing, and parking as now or hereafter amended are hereby adopted by reference as a part of this chapter in all respects as though such sections were set forth herein in full: RCW 46.08.185, 46.61.560, 46.61.575, 46.61.581, 46.61.582, 46.61.583, 46.61.585, 46.61.587, and 46.61.590.

1. RCW 46.61.570 is adopted with the following amendments:

(1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:

(a) Stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

(i) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(ii) On a sidewalk or street planting strip;

(iii) Within an intersection;

(iv) On a crosswalk;

(v) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless official signs or markings indicate a different no-parking area opposite the ends of a safety zone;

(vi) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;

(vii) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;

(viii) On any railroad tracks;

(ix) In the area between roadways of a divided highway including crossovers;

(x) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping or parking;

(xi) On public right-of-way unless said vehicle displays current and valid registration tabs properly mounted in accordance with RCW 46.16.010(1);

(xii) Within the same block to avoid a time limit regulation specified in that particular area, except as provided in RCW 46.61.582 and 46.61.583;

(xiii) Park a commercial vehicle which is more than 80 inches wide overall on any arterial, street or alley in residentially zoned areas as defined in SMC 20.40, Subchapter 1 or on streets or arterials abutting residentially zoned areas between the hours of midnight and six a.m.;

(xiv) Directly adjacent to a curbside, next to clearly visible residential mail boxes between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on any day of scheduled mail delivery by the United States Postal Service; ~~and~~

(xv) In public locations under circumstances which constitute an unauthorized vehicle;

(xvi) Within a bicycle lane, which is that portion of the paved section of the roadway designated by official signs or markings by the city for the movement of bicycles on the roadway;

(xvii) Within a transit priority lane designated by official signs or markings by the city as a bus only lane except to execute a right turn or to yield to emergency vehicles;

(xviii) Within a dedicated turn lane, which is that portion of the paved section of the roadway designated by official signs or markings by the city for the purpose of making a right or left turn at an intersection or to a side road; and

(xiv) On any street or other municipal property for a period of time longer than seventy-two (72) hours, unless an official posted sign provides a shorter period of time, or unless otherwise provided by law.

(5) It shall be unlawful to use a vehicle for human habitation on or in any public right-of-way or parking area. "Human habitation" means the use of a vehicle for sleeping, setting up housekeeping or cooking.

Section 2. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and/or the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the corrections of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation.

Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 13, 2017.

Mayor Christopher Roberts

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jessica Simulcik Smith
City Clerk

Margaret King
City Attorney

Date of Publication:

Effective Date: