

DATE: *March 2, 2022*
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment – Enforcement, Traffic,
Vehicles, & Parking



RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the ordinance amendment regulating enforcement, traffic, parking, and signs.

Prior to the development of the city's marshal's office, the code of ordinances was silent on many of the matters related to on-street parking and enforcement, relying on Gwinnett Police to enforce matters in the right-of-way under county and state codes. Given the recent discussions of on-street parking demand, staff has researched and drafted a number of new city code sections that provide the framework for enforcement.

The new code sections address how enforcement will be managed under a new Chapter, entitled Traffic and Vehicles. This new section adopts by reference key standards like the Uniform Rules of the Road and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). It also identifies the duties of the city manager related to determining the delegated staff to implement and enforce these measures.

As we move into event season and have specific needs related to downtown activities as routine as street sweeping, we will implement time-specific on-street parking restrictions for the area.

The amendment will be formatted and codified upon approval for inclusion in our next Municode update.

Attachments

Proposed Ordinance Amendment Language

Proposed Amendments to City Code

Parking & Motor Vehicles Policy

AMEND Chapter 42. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Add (8) Chapter 102, Traffic and Vehicles. (All sections 102-1—102-114)

New Chapter 102 Traffic and Vehicles

Article I. In General

Sec. 102-1. Uniform rules of the road adopted.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-6-372, O.C.G.A. §§ 40-6-1—40-6-397, known as the uniform rules of the road, and the definitions contained in O.C.G.A. § 40-1-1, are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of the city with like effect as if recited in this section.

Sec. 102-2. Traffic, speed, parking and other zones, signs and traffic control devices.

(a) The city manager is authorized to designate and maintain by appropriate traffic control signs, markings and devices:

(1) Crosswalks at intersections where there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway.

(2) Other safety zones for pedestrians.

(3) Traffic lanes.

(4) Speed, parking, or other traffic control zones (a listing of speed zones is on file in the city clerk's office, as well as a copy of signs to be erected by the appropriate transportation department, as provided in this section).

(5) Stop, yield, one-way and other directional devices; and

(6) Any other sign, marking, device or zone necessary for orderly and safe conditions on the roads and streets of the county.

(b) All traffic control signs, signals, devices and markings shall conform to specifications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by the state transportation board. All signs and signals required under this chapter for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the city. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or this Code shall be official traffic control devices of the city.

(d) No person shall be charged with violating a traffic zone, marking, sign or other traffic control device unless appropriate signs, markings or devices are in fact operating or in existence on the streets involved.

(e) Any violation of any traffic zone, marking, sign or other traffic control device established under this chapter shall be a violation of this Code.

Secs. 102-3—102-15. - Reserved

Secs. 102-16—102-30. - Reserved

Article III. Stopping, Standing and Parking

Sec 102-31. Parking prohibited in certain places.

- (a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer, city marshal, code enforcement or traffic control device, at any place prohibited by ordinance and indicated by official signs or markings.
- (b) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control either into any prohibited area or move and leave this vehicle away from a curb such distance as is prohibited by this section or other ordinance.
- (c) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any location specifically designated by order of the city manager as indicated by official signs or markings.

Sec 102-32. Parking not to obstruct traffic.

No person shall park any vehicle upon a street in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic.

Secs. 102-31—72-45. - Reserved