



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Capital Improvements

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Frisbie

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City-Wide

SUBJECT:

Traffic Code Update

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control Devices Schedules for the City of San Antonio, established in Chapter 19, Section 68 of the City Code, to add locations where new installations of traffic control devices have occurred, and remove locations where devices have been altered or removed and adding two new schedules to address various school district schedules that go beyond 4:00 pm and to help address parking in residential areas that immediately abut commercial properties.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This ordinance will update various Traffic Control Devices Schedules established in Chapter 19, Section 68 of the City Code of Ordinances and creates Schedule H (k) and Schedule H (l). In order to have effective enforcement, all traffic control devices need to be present on these schedules. These schedules normally are updated annually, to reflect new traffic control device installations and/or removal of such devices at specified locations. The last traffic code update was enacted on March 6, 2014. Types of traffic control devices include, but are not limited to, stop signs, traffic signals, parking restrictions and speed limit designations.

Specific Titles included in this update are:

- Full Traffic Signal - (27 additional locations) [Schedule A(a) - update]
- One-Way- (5 additional location) [Schedule B(a) - update]
- All-Way Stop - (17 additional locations) [Schedule C(a) - update]
- Cross Street Stop - (34 additional locations) [Schedule C(b) - update]

- Maximum Speed Limit - (2 additional locations) [Schedule E(a) - update]
- Parking Prohibited at All Times, Including Sundays and Holidays - (29 additional locations) [Schedule G(a) - update]
- Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited 7 AM to 9 AM and 2 PM to 4 PM School days Only - (3 additional locations) [Schedule H(i) - update]
- Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited 7 AM to 9 AM and 2 PM to 5 PM School days Only - (5 additional locations) [Schedule H(k) - new]
- Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited 10 PM to 6 AM except Sundays and Holidays - (2 additional locations) [Schedule H(l) - new]
- School Zones, School Crosswalk (Intersection), Cell Phone Use Prohibited (10 additional locations) [Schedule M(b) - update]
- School Speed Zone, Crosswalk (Intersection), 7 AM to 9 AM and 2 PM to 5 PM, Specified Speed, School Days Only, Cell Phone Use Prohibited (1 additional location) [Schedule M(i) - update]

ISSUE:

This ordinance amends the Traffic Control Devices Schedules for the City of San Antonio, established in Chapter 19, Section 68 of the City Code, to add locations where new installations of traffic control devices have occurred, and remove locations where devices have been altered or removed. This ordinance also will create Schedule H (k) entitled “Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited 7 AM to 9 AM and 2 PM to 5 PM School Days Only” and Schedule H (l) entitled “Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited 10 PM to 6 AM Except Sundays and Holidays” in order to address various school district schedules that go beyond 4:00 pm and to help address parking in residential areas that immediately abut commercial properties.

Approval of this ordinance will enable consistent enforcement of on-street traffic regulations and is a continuation of City Council policy to maintain efficient and safe traffic flow.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not updating the Traffic Control Devices Schedules would result in the City of San Antonio Police Department's inability to enforce the traffic control devices at the locations listed in the attachment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to amend the Traffic Control Devices Schedules for the City of San Antonio in Chapter 19, Section 68 of the City Code.