



Common Council

Agenda Item

Cover Sheet

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024

- Previously Discussed Ordinance
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ITEM or ORDINANCE: #14-05-24

PRESENTED BY: Andrew Rodewald

- Information Attached
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TO: Noblesville Common Council

FROM: Andrew Rodewald, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 14-05-24
Amendment to Traffic Code in Chapters 70, 72, and 78 of the Code of Ordinances

DATE: May 14, 2024

Information

Attached is a draft ordinance for updates and additions to Title VII, Chapters 70, 72 and Chapter 78 of the City's Traffic Code.

The addition of 70.25 would allow the Board of Public Works and Safety to accept minor, routine changes to various schedules within the traffic code throughout the year. These could then be formally adopted within the code at the typical year-end update by Common Council. For example, this allows a means of adding a no parking area that is otherwise uncovered within code but would not necessarily warrant its own unique Council action. All changes go through a similar vetting process by Traffic Committee and staff prior to presentation to Board of Public Works.

The changes to Chapter 72 are to further clarify no parking distance at a roadway intersection. Creating a minimum distance of 50 feet from an intersection preserves a sight distance triangle for safety of drivers and pedestrians. Engineering studies dictating further distances are still an opportunity but would be enacted for those specific locations.

The change to Schedule V, Parking Prohibited at all times, adds areas of no parking that are within the sight distance triangles of the entrances to the Hamilton County Garage. This is a similar situation as that above, but not included because the driveway entrance is not a public street or alley.

I would further request this change be considered in one reading. In advance, I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request.

I recommend the Common Council approve Ordinance No. 14-05-24, an amendment to Traffic Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-05-24
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 70 AND 72 AND THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE
IN CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Noblesville, Indiana (“City”) is a growing community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such growth both in terms of population and development opportunities, the City is in need of making some process improvements so that the City can amend the traffic code on a more routine basis; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City (“Council”) appoints a Traffic Committee who is regularly briefed on traffic issues including, but not limited to, parking, standing, stopping, and moving (i.e. speed limits and other moving issues) within the City; and

WHEREAS, traffic issues relate to public safety and works concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to delegate certain of its authority to amend the traffic schedules in the traffic code to the City Board of Public Works and Safety, upon recommendation of the Traffic Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances of the City (“City Code”) which contains General Provisions, Definitions, and divisions of responsibilities of various entities within the City of Noblesville in regards to traffic related issues within the City of Noblesville; and,

WHEREAS, the Council further desires to amend Chapter 72 of the City Code, which contains Designations, Restrictions, and Enforcement of Stopping, Standing, or Parking on certain streets with the City of Noblesville; and

WHEREAS, the Council further desires to amend Chapter 78 of the City Code, which contains Schedule V and lists areas that Parking Prohibited At All Times within the City of Noblesville; Schedule X and lists locations of Restricted Parking, Taxi Zones/Loading Zones; and, Schedule XIV and lists Parking Lots and Parking Garages within the City of Noblesville; and,

WHEREAS, the Council deems it to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Noblesville that the City Code be amended as set forth herein.

IT IS THEREBY ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 70 of the City Code is hereby amended to add a new section 70.25 as follows:

70.25 Authority of Board of Public Works and Safety

The Board of Public Works and Safety may, at the recommendation of City Council Traffic Committee, approve changes to the traffic schedule contained in Chapter 78 (including amendments to the schedules contained therein) throughout calendar year. Such changes when approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety shall be added to the Code of Ordinances as if the same were adopted by the Common Council of the City and shall be fully enforceable by the City.

On an annual basis, no later than the first of July of a given year, the Traffic Committee shall submit a report to the full Common Council of the City outlining the revisions made, if any, by the Board of Public Works for the prior twelve (12) month period. In the event that the Traffic Committee does not submit a report within the time period, a member of the Common Council may request such a report be made, but otherwise there shall be no other remedy beyond the receipt of such a report.

Section 2: Chapter 72 of the City Code is hereby amended to add a new subsection (L) to Section 72.12 as follows:

(L) Within 50 feet of the travelled way of an intersecting road or alley.

Section 3: Chapter 78 of the City Code is hereby amended to revise “Schedule V. Parking Prohibited At All Times” as set forth in the following chart:

STREET	RESTRICTED ZONE	SIDE
<i>REMOVE</i>		
8 th St. (north)	Wayne St. to first alley south	East
Clinton Street	8 th St. to 9 th St	North
<i>ADD</i>		
North 8 th St	Clinton Street to Wayne Street	East
North 9 th St	Clinton Street to First Alley North	West

Section 4: Chapter 78 of the City Code is hereby amended to revise “Schedule X. Restricted parking All Times Taxi Zones/Loading Zones” as follows:

In the Chart, change the Word “Street” to “Street/Location”; and amend the chart as follows:

STREET/LOCATION	LOCATION	ZONE
<i>ADD:</i>		
Teal Lot	Two spaces, as signed	Loading zone, 20 minutes

Section 5: Chapter 78 of the City Code is hereby amended to revise “Schedule XIV: Parking Lots and Parking Garages” as set forth in the following chart:

<i>FREE PARKING SPACES</i>			
<i>Parking Lot</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>
<i>ADD:</i>			
Teal Lot	Federal Hill Commons Nixon Street & Logan Street	Free 4 consecutive hours No Parking 11:00 PM – 5:00 AM Daily	14-05-24

<i>GARAGE SPACES</i>				
<i>Garage</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>
Federal Hill	Federal Hill Commons Nixon Street & Logan Street	Hourly paid parking: Monday – Sunday first four hours free Lost ticket fee	\$2/hour \$50	14-05-24

Section 6: The Street Department of the City of Noblesville shall post adequate signs to inform the public of these changes.

Section 7: The violation of these sections shall be deemed infractions as set out in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Noblesville, Indiana.

Section 8: All ordinances or parts of an ordinance that predate this Ordinance that are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance, are superseded to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict. All other ordinances or parts of an ordinance, not so in conflict, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and the validity of any phrase, clause, or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 10: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2024 by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana:

AYE		NAY	ABSTAIN
	Mark Boice		
	Michael J. Davis		
	Evan Elliott		
	David M. Johnson		
	Darren Peterson		
	Pete Schwartz		
	Aaron Smith		
	Todd Thurston		
	Megan G. Wiles		

ATTEST: _____
 Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2024 at ____ .M.

 Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

MAYOR'S APPROVAL

 Chris Jensen, Mayor

 Date

MAYOR'S VETO

 Chris Jensen, Mayor

 Date

ATTEST: _____
 Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk