



FRUITA
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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: SHANNON VASSEN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2025

AGENDA TEXT: Ordinance 2025-02 – Second Reading – A Request to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.04 of the Fruita Municipal Code Regarding the Model Traffic Code.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Ordinance is to update the Municipal Code to adopt by reference the Model Traffic Code for Colorado, which embodies the rules of the road and vehicle requirements as set out in the State of Colorado's traffic laws. This document is an outline of suggestions from the state to create uniformity across municipalities. This Municipal Code amendment addresses all sections of Chapter 10.04 (010-040), as outlined here:

- **Model Traffic Code Adopted** – This amendment updates the Municipal Traffic Code to reflect the changes made by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) 2024 Model Traffic Code for Colorado.
- **Deletions** - This amendment also updates the code to reflect the change to the year of the Model Traffic Code and additional deletions.
- **Additions or Modifications** – This Municipal Code amendment also reflects any changes made to the CDOT version based on what the City of Fruita deems essential for our own traffic regulations, pursuant to state law.
- **Penalties** – This amendment proposes modifications to the penalties associated with traffic violations, aligning them with contemporary practices observed statewide and established precedents in municipal courts.

These changes bring the municipal code up to date to reflect current traffic recommendations from CDOT and from the Municipal Court.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to approving this Municipal Code Amendment.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This amendment will update the Municipal Code to reflect the current traffic rule and regulations throughout Colorado so that Fruita is in concurrence with other municipalities.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL

- Approve Ordinance 2025-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.04 Of The Fruita Municipal Code Regarding The 2024 Model Traffic Code.
- Advise staff to amend the amendment to the Fruita Municipal Code and approve the amended version.
- Deny the Ordinance and bring back at a future date for first reading.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the City Council by motion:

**MOVE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 10.04 OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE 2024
MODEL TRAFFIC CODE.**