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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of April 10, 2023

**Title/Subject**

Ordinance No. 2346 – Amending Title IX of the Hermiston Municipal Code

**Summary and Background**

Recently, we have had an increased number of incidents where people have not behaved as they should in city buildings. We realized that we did not have any written rules with an accompanying process of enforcement. After researching these types of rules in a variety of cities, we have come up with the proposed ordinance we have attached. As part of on-going efforts to update city ordinances, Title IX, General Regulations was reviewed. We have also realized that there was a lack of clarity in relationship to the times the City could perform certain activities related to regular maintenance of our streets, roads, etc. The following changes include:

- Chapter 92 – Nuisances, with an amendment to 92.29(E) to add exemption language that allows for “Maintenance, cleaning, snow and/or ice removal, repairs or excavations of bridges, roads, streets, highways, or City owned parking lots by or on behalf of the City, state, or federal government, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when public welfare and convenience render it impractical to perform work between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.”
- Adds a new chapter, Chapter 96 -Rules of Conduct for City Property. This chapter accomplishes the following two purposes:
  - First, it provides a standard set of rules of conduct for city buildings. (Please see separate attachment with a summary of these rules that could be used to post in city buildings.)
  - Second it provides a process for enforcing those rules of conduct including ways to appeal decisions, etc.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

N/A

## **Fiscal Information**

N/A

## **Alternatives and Recommendation**

### Alternatives

1. Adopt Ordinance 2346
2. Amend Ordinance 2346
3. Reject Ordinance 2346
4. Table and request more information.

### Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2346 as proposed.

### **Submitted By:**

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