



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

FROM: Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Chapter 70 Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures Amendments – 2nd Reading

BACKGROUND:

This had been discussed at the February 3, 2025, City Council Work Session. The first reading was held on February 24, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

This item adds a new Impoundment of vehicles for unpaid parking fines or repeated violations section to the Independence Municipal Code (IMC). Please review the attached ordinance.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Support and Empower Workforce. This item helps achieve that vision by allowing the Police Department to address habitual violations and repeat offenders.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 70 – Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures.

Staff recommends a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. This would allow the Council to approve the item tonight, and not have a third reading.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance, which amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 70 – Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures, placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspaper.