

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance to add Chapter 142, Right-of-Way Obstructions,

Encroachments, and Beautification to the City of Independence Code of

Ordinances.

DISCUSSION:

At the July 7, 2025, City Council Work Session, Staff brought up the idea of examining a new Code Chapter to define what should be allowed in the Right-of-Way in Independence. To that end, Staff has worked with the City Attorney and prepared the attached ordinance for the Council to review and comment on.

This item was presented at the August 25, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting and was then referred back to the September 2, 2025, Work Session for further discussion.

Items updated from the discussion during the August 25 meeting are shown in the document in cyan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.