



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: April 13, 2026

ITEM TITLE: First Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 65 – Stop Required

BACKGROUND:

As we continue to oversee the development of our residential neighborhoods, it is necessary to establish proper traffic controls to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors. This ordinance amends Chapter 65.02 of the Code of Ordinances to formally establish four new stop intersections within the city limits.

DISCUSSION:

Proper traffic control is essential for maintaining safe and orderly roadways. This ordinance will legally require vehicles to stop at the following new locations (Two of which were not included when their respective subdivisions were built, and two of which are a result of the new Pines Third Plat that was recently constructed):

- Vehicles traveling south on Cardinal Court shall stop at Spruce Drive.
- Vehicles traveling south on Goldfinch Court shall stop at Spruce Drive.
- Vehicles traveling east on Bluebird Court shall stop at Sixth Avenue SW (Jackson Avenue).
- Vehicles traveling north on Cedar Drive shall stop at Bluebird Court.

By codifying these stop requirements, we ensure clear expectations for drivers and provide our police department with the necessary authority to enforce traffic regulations in these areas.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting high-quality City services** and **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure**. This item helps achieve that vision by prioritizing the safety of the traveling public and ensuring our traffic control network is clearly defined and legally enforceable.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The financial impact is minimal and primarily includes the cost of purchasing and installing the necessary stop signs and posts. These costs are budgeted for and will be absorbed within the existing Street Department operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 65 – Stop Required.

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.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance, which amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 65 – Stop Required, 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.