



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2025

ITEM TITLE: First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 65, Stop or Yield Required

BACKGROUND:

As discussed at the October 9th Work Session, this item amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, specifically Chapter 65, Stop or Yield Required.

The ordinance makes the following modifications:

- It repeals Section 65.01, Subsection 8 and replaces it with: "Sixth Avenue SW from First Street West to Pine Dr. / Enterprise Dr.".
- It repeals Section 65.02, Subsection 111 and replaces it with: "Sixth Avenue SW. Vehicles traveling north on Sixth Avenue SW shall stop at First Street W.".

These changes are necessary to facilitate the removal of the stop sign on the south leg of the Sixth Avenue SW and Bland Blvd. intersection for northbound traffic.

DISCUSSION:

This ordinance amends the City's official traffic control policies. It includes a repealer clause, which repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this new provision. It also contains a severability clause, ensuring that if any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid, the remainder of the ordinance will not be affected.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure**. This item helps achieve that vision by updating and clarifying municipal traffic codes to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There are no costs other than publication costs and the time for City Staff to remove the sign from the roadway.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 65, Stop or Yield 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 that amends Chapter 65, Stop or Yield Required, be 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.