



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of the **FIRST READING** of Amendment to the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, Section 33-501, relating to parking on narrow streets.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) is recommending that the City Council discuss an ordinance amendment relating to ensuring free and unobstructed passage between parked vehicles, on all City streets but with particular attention to narrow streets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The ORC has been studying the issue of parking challenges on narrow streets, following concerns voiced by residents. The Committee has looked in particular at the existing section of the Code relating to "Parking in a Manner that Obstructs Traffic, Section 33-501, which right now simply states that a person "shall not park any vehicle on a street in a manner that leaves an insufficient width of the roadway available for free movement of a vehicular traffic." The proposed ordinance expands that language to provide that:

- Less than 10 feet in width shall in all cases be considered a restriction on the free movement of vehicular traffic.
- On streets that have less than 24 feet in pavement width, where vehicles parked across from each other on opposite sides of the street will potentially obstruct traffic, or will leave less than 10 feet between vehicles, a person shall, to the extent it is safe and available for use (e.g., flat surface or improved with gravel or stone or similar treatment) use the shoulder of the roadway within the public right-of-way, or a portion of it, to ensure a sufficient width for free movement.

- If parked on the opposite side of the street across from a driveway entrance, the vehicle shall be parked as far off the pavement as possible and safe, in order to allow unobstructed egress from the driveway.
- The City Engineer is authorized to post signage reflecting the requirements of this Section where he or she determines it appropriate to do so.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Ordinance No. 25- _____, to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 33, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Article II, "Uniform Traffic Code," Division 2, "Additional Regulations," Subdivision 5, "Stopping, Standing, Parking," Section 33-501, "Parking in a Manner that Obstructs Traffic; Violation as Civil Infraction," in order to add standards relating to parking on narrow streets. **FIRST READING**