



**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - AGENDA MEMO**

<b>DATE:</b> April 14, 2022	<b>ITEM NO. 15</b>	<b>SUBJECT:</b>
<b>Presented by:</b> Town Attorney		Set First Reading / Public Hearing for adoption of 2020 Model Traffic Code

**Background**

The Colorado Department of Transportation, the author of the Model Traffic Code (MTC) adopted by nearly all municipalities in the state, periodically updates the MTC. The most recent version is the 2020 version, preceded by the 2010 and 2009 versions – and originally adopted in 1952. I would suggest the Town look at adopting the 2020 version of the MTC to ensure the Town has up-to-date traffic laws it may enforce at a local level, ie. via the Town’s Municipal Court.

Remember, adopting a model code, such as the MTC, requires 2 readings and a public hearing in order to properly pass the Ordinance adopting the 2020 MTC. So, I would request that you set the public hearing for the adoption of the 2020 Model Traffic Code

If the Board sets this for a hearing for potential adoption, I will draft an ordinance with the language to provide for the adoption of the 2020 MTC, as well as work with Staff to ensure that any provisions needing to be tailored specifically to the needs of the Town are addressed.

In the meantime, a copy of the 2020 Model Traffic Code for Colorado for your review is available here:

<https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/assets/documents/2020-model-traffic-code-for-colorado.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further.

In the interest of transparency to the Citizens, this memo and the link above are certainly able to be shared with anyone who may be interested.