
Meeting Date: July 14, 2025

Subject: No Sitting – Lying on Sidewalks

Attachments: Ordinance No. 2025-06

Presented by: Daniel B. Heid – City Attorney and
Joseph Mehline – Public Safety Director

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, PE – City Manager

Discussion:

During the July 7, 2025 Study Session, the City Council discussed the proposed No Sitting, Lying on Sidewalks in Designated Zone.

Washington law provides the Toppenish City Council with authority under RCW 35.22.280 and the Constitution of the State of Washington, Art. 11 § 11, to adopt ordinances regulating the use of public rights of way, streets, and other public places.

The proposed ordinance provides the Toppenish Police Department with a useful tool to address public safety concerns to keep sidewalks free for commerce and community health. The Ordinance also indicates that a violation of the code is chargeable as a misdemeanor.

Recommendation:

Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-06 for creating new Section 10.36.020 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Relating to No Sitting, Lying on Sidewalk in Designated Zone.