



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: April 20, 2026		Subject: Ordinance No. 902 (First Reading) An Ordinance of the City of Wilsonville Amending Sections 5.035, 5.200, 5.210, and 5.405 of the Wilsonville Code to Revise the Definition of Abandoned Vehicles and to Reduce the Duration Allowed for Parking on Public Streets.	
		Staff Member: Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney Hannah Young, Law Clerk	
		Department: Legal	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: April 20, 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: May 4, 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Council Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
		Comments: N/A	
Staff Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 902 on first reading.			
Recommended Language for Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. 902 on first reading.			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities: 2025-27 Council Goal No. 2: Public Safety; Strategy 2.1		<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Consider adopting Ordinance No. 902 to revise the definition of “abandoned vehicle” in Wilsonville Code (WC) 5.035 and to reduce the duration allowed for parking on public streets from 72 hours to 48 hours.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of its 2025-27 Council Goals, the City Council adopted Goal 2: Public Safety. The first outcome identified in Goal 2 is to “investigate enforcement solutions for recreational vehicles (RVs) and examine abandoned vehicle definition in code.” Previously, staff met with Council during the [July 21, 2025 work session](#) to provide research on the issue, and present possible policy alternatives. Following this meeting, Council approved staff to conduct community outreach to garner crucial feedback from Wilsonville residents on which alternatives best meet their understanding of community needs. The outreach was concluded in November 2025, which were then brought to Council and addressed in the [December 15, 2025 work session](#). Following that work session, Council reviewed draft Wilsonville Code revisions to reduce the 72-hour street parking allowance to 48 hours and to update the definition of abandoned vehicles at [its March 2, 2026 work session](#). Council also considered whether to move forward with a pilot program requiring parking permits for recreational vehicles, but elected to pause that option to determine the efficacy of the proposed revisions to the Wilsonville Code contemplated in Ordinance No. 902.

OVERVIEW OF CODE UPDATES:

A. 48-Hour Parking and Updated Abandoned Vehicle Definition

Currently, Wilsonville Code allows vehicles to be left parked for 72 hours before subject to citation or possible removal. As it stands, this can create an enforcement gap between when community members report a vehicle parked longer than 72 hours, and when code or law enforcement can observe for 72 hours and initiate enforcement strategies. By updating the Wilsonville Code language to reduce the number of hours a vehicle is allowed to remain to 48, the overall timeline of enforcement and abatement is shortened, and response is thereby more efficient and effective for community members.

B. Updated Abandoned Vehicle Definition

The Wilsonville Code currently defines an “abandoned vehicle” as: “A vehicle left unoccupied or unclaimed or in a damaged or dismantled condition such that the vehicle is inoperable.” Staff recommends revising this definition for the following reasons. First, it fails to provide flexibility in staff determination whether a vehicle is “unoccupied or unclaimed” or “inoperable” by not including language such as “appears to” be unoccupied or unclaimed or inoperable. Second, the definition fails to include other circumstances that may indicate abandonment, such as not having valid registration or insurance, as required of vehicles on public rights-of-way. The proposed definition included in **Exhibit 1** to Ordinance No. 902 includes language to address these concerns.

TIMELINE:

If Council decides to adopt Ordinance No. 902, it will change parking regulations throughout the City. Staff recommends an effective date of July 1, 2026, rather than the standard 30 days for ordinances to allow staff to engage in community education in advance of the effective date.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

Staff do not anticipate current year budget impacts outside of potential public outreach costs, which will be absorbed within departmental budget(s).

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

Council’s Public Safety Goal aims to ensure that City staff and community members have the tools necessary to address different public safety and livability concerns.

Updates to the City’s parking regulations may address some of the public health, safety, welfare, and livability issues that community members express either to Council or through calls to law enforcement. Mechanisms to adjust the time allowed to park in one given area from a total 144 hours to 96 before law enforcement may take action could produce a visible benefit in response time and overall abatement of nuisance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Ensuring that the City has the tools necessary to proactively prevent the proliferation of long-term RV parking on city streets can address livability concerns. This strategy may aid the City in crafting regulations that address specific concerns without being overbroad, vague, or inflexible in the City’s longstanding approach to code compliance. The goal is to balance livability concerns with providing reasonable regulations to achieve compliance. Staff recommends moving forward with the proposed updates to the Wilsonville Code language (**Exhibit 1** to Ordinance No. 902).

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could determine not to pursue an update to parking regulations, but rather instruct staff and law enforcement to place particular emphasis on enforcing current parking regulations.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance No. 902

Exhibit 1 to Ordinance No. 902 (revisions to WC 5.035, 5.200, 5.210, and 5.405)