

Model Traffic Ordinance Amendments

Council Discussion
October 30, 2017



Background

- The City of Shoreline, by Ordinance No. 27, adopted by reference the Washington Model Traffic Ordinance, chapter 308-330 WAC.
- Codified as Chapter 10.05 of the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC).



Existing Amendments

Adopted state law addresses common parking restrictions. Shoreline's code currently contains amendments. Examples include:

- Junk vehicles
- Commercial vehicles
- Obstructing mailboxes
- Obstructing traffic
- Unsafe parking
- Human habitation



Proposed Amendments

Proposed Ordinance 803 amends the Model Traffic Ordinance to include:

- No parking within designated bike lanes
- No parking within designated bus lanes
- No parking within designated turn lanes
- 72 hour time limit for parking before vehicle must be moved.



72 Hour Time Limit

- 72 hours is a regionally consistent maximum time a vehicle can remain parked before moving.
- Some jurisdictions specify move distance before re-parking, or prohibit re-parking on the same block for a period of time.
- This is a useful tool in commercial areas where parking turnover may benefit businesses.



72 Hour Time Limit Example

Example move distance requirement:

*No person shall park any vehicle at the same location on any city street or other public right-of-way within the city for more than **seventy-two continuous hours without driving the vehicle through or across a street intersection.***



Staff does not recommend a move distance requirement at this time.

Next Steps

The proposed amendment comes back to Council for adoption on November 13th.



Motion

I move to amend Ordinance No. 803 to include deletion, in its entirety, of SMC 10.50.030(B)(1) Section 5, a section related to the use of a vehicle for human habitation.



WHEREAS, establishing a limitation on the total hours a vehicle may be consecutively parked in the public right-of-way or on municipal property addresses the concern about utilizing vehicles for habitation, thereby eliminating the need for SMC 10.050.030(B)(1)(5);

~~(5) It shall be unlawful to use a vehicle for human habitation on or in any public right-of-way or parking area. "Human habitation" means the use of a vehicle for sleeping, setting up housekeeping or cooking.~~

