

Model Traffic Ordinance Amendments

Council Adoption
November 13, 2017



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.



Discussion

Council discussion of the proposed Model Traffic Ordinance (MTO) amendments occurred on October 30th.

The proposed amendments explicitly prohibit parking within bike, bus, or turn lanes and impose a new maximum parking time limit of 72 hours.



Discussion

Council expressed concerns about criminalizing homelessness with regard to the current MTO provision restricting human habitation in ROW.

A question was also raised regarding potential exemption to the 72 hour maximum park time for boats.



Human Habitation

- Staff has reviewed potential revisions.
- Current code is generally used as a tool for discussion, not citation.
- No changes are recommended at this time; staff recommends comprehensive study before changes are made.



Boat Parking

- Staff was unable to find regional examples exempting boats from a maximum time parked rule.
- Staff does not recommend an exemption to boats as it appears discriminatory in nature; exempting one type of personal property, but not others.



Questions/Comments

