



## MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

**To:** Members of the Common Council

**From:** Council Office

**Date:** September 29, 2023

**Re:** Ordinance 23-23 - To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 (Stop Intersections) to Remove a Stop Intersection from Schedule A and Add a Multi-Stop Intersection to Schedule B

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### Synopsis

This ordinance amends Title 15, "Vehicles and Traffic," of the Bloomington Municipal Code and comes forth at the request of City staff, the Traffic Commission, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission. The ordinance makes the following change:

- Replaces a stop intersection with a multi-stop intersection on Seventh Street.

### Relevant Materials

- Ordinance 23-23
- Memo from Andrew Cibor, City Engineer
- Staff Report to Traffic Commission and Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission re: 7-Line Project Update and All-Way Stop Control Installation
- 180-Day Order # 23-01 dated April 10, 2023
- Minutes from March 20, 2023 Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission meeting
- Minutes from March 22, 2023 Traffic Commission meeting

### Summary

Ordinance 23-23 proposes to amend Section 15.12.010 within Title 15 ("Vehicles and Traffic") of the Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC), accessible online at the following link: [https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15\\_VETR\\_CH15.12STYISIIN\\_15.12.010STIN](https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15_VETR_CH15.12STYISIIN_15.12.010STIN).

The ordinance, brought forward by staff and recommended by the Traffic Commission and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission, proposes codifying a three-way stop location at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunn Street. The intersection currently functions as a three-way stop location as a result of a 180-day order issued in April 2023 by the City Engineer. This ordinance would adopt and codify this by updating the relevant tables in local code.

City engineering staff prepared a staff report and recommendation for the Traffic Commission and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commissions, which has also been included in this packet. In that report, staff explained the changes to 7<sup>th</sup> Street implemented as part of the recent 7-Line project, which included removal of various stop locations along the corridor.



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In presenting to the two commissions, staff recommended reinstallation of all-way stop controls at five intersections, including the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> and Dunn. The staff report prepared for these two commissions summarizes recent bicycle traffic data, transit metrics, pedestrian activity, motor vehicle traffic, parking impacts, and crash data. The report discusses the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines and criteria for all-way stop locations and explains how these guidelines apply to the 7<sup>th</sup> and Dunn intersection, as well as four additional intersections along 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Both the Traffic Commission and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission recommended reinstalling all-way stop controls only at the 7<sup>th</sup> and Dunn intersection. Because of this, Ordinance 23-23 only proposes codifying all-way stop controls at this single intersection.

A 180-day order, made pursuant to [BMC 15.08.040](#), was then issued in April 2023 by the city engineer to implement this change as a temporary measure. Because a stop sign has already been reinstalled at this intersection, staff notes there is no expected fiscal impact as a result of adopting this ordinance.

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