



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Stephen Lucas, Council Administrator/Attorney

Date: September 29, 2023

Re: Ordinance 23-28 - To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

Synopsis

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

- Empowers the city engineer and chief of police to make and enforce regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of Title 15.
- Removes two stop intersections and adds six stop intersections.
- Allows two-way travel for bicycles on a portion of Henderson Street.
- Decreases the maximum speed limit on a portion of Seventeenth Street.
- Adds back-in angle parking on Pete Ellis Drive.
- Adds no parking spaces on Eighth Street, Southern Drive, Swain Avenue, Wilson Street, and Third Street.
- Removes limited parking zones on Allen Street, Eight Street, Swain Avenue, and Third Street and adds a limited parking zone on Third Street.
- Adds a loading zone on the 2800 block of E. Longview Avenue.
- Adds a bus zone to Third Street.

Relevant Materials

- Ordinance 23-28
- Memo from staff (including maps of affected locations)

Summary

Ordinance 23-28 proposes to amend various sections of Title 15 ("Vehicles and Traffic") of the Bloomington Municipal Code, accessible online [here](#). Title 15 contains codified traffic and parking controls for the city and is subject to frequent change and revision.

As the staff memo notes, the proposals are a result of public requests, feedback through commissions' recommendations, or changes stemming from temporary 180-day orders. The proposed changes would affect stop intersections, one-way streets, speed limits, angle parking, no parking zones, limited parking zones, loading zones, and bus zones. The section of local code detailing how temporary, experimental, or emergency traffic regulations may be issued would also be revised to clarify that the city engineer may make such regulations while the chief of police is authorized to enforce them. The reasons for the proposed changes and maps of the affected locations are provided in the staff memo.

Contact

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