



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Ash Kulak, Deputy Administrator/Attorney

Date: May 3, 2024

Re: Ordinance 2024-12 - To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 to remove one stop intersection on Constitution Avenue and Liberty Drive; Section 15.12.030 to add one signalized intersection on Constitution Avenue and Liberty Drive; Section 15.32.030 to replace pull in angle parking with back in angle parking on Sixth Street between Walnut Street and 35' west of Washington Street; Section 15.32.080 to remove no parking zones on the north side of Atwater Avenue between Park Avenue and Faculty Avenue, and to codify and extend the no parking zone on the south side of Grimes Lane from Morton Street to 100' east of Palmer Avenue; and Section 15.32.100 to add a loading zone on South Washington Street

Synopsis

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

- Replaces stop intersection with signalized intersection at Constitution Avenue and Liberty Drive.
- Replaces pull in angle parking with back in angle parking on Sixth Street between Walnut and Washington Streets.
- Removes the no parking zone on the north side of Atwater Avenue between Park and Faculty Avenues.
- Clarifies and combines all three no parking zones on the north side of Grimes Lane into one line to read as one no parking zone between Morton Street and Woodlawn Avenue.
- Codifies and extends the no parking zone on the south side of Grimes Lane from Morton Street to 100' east of Palmer Avenue.
- Adds a loading zone to a portion of South Washington between Kirkwood Avenue and the alley between Kirkwood Avenue and Fourth Street.

Relevant Materials

- Ordinance 2024-12
- Staff Memo from Andrew Cibor, City Engineer, and Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager
- Staff Report to the Traffic Commission from Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager (including a letter from the Monroe County Highway Department regarding the Karst Farm Connector Trail Project)
- Staff Reports to the Parking Commission from Karina Pazos, Long Range Planner, and Driss Tahir, Engineering Technician (including maps of the affected areas)



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Summary

Ordinance 2024-12 proposes to amend various sections of Title 15 (“Vehicles and Traffic”) of the Bloomington Municipal Code, accessible online at the following link:

https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15

VETR. 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 concerns identified through staff’s review of existing code, public requests, a Monroe County capital project, and feedback through commissions’ recommendations. The proposed changes would affect stop intersections, signalized intersections, angle parking, no parking zones, and limited parking zones. The reasons for the proposed changes and maps of the affected locations are provided in the staff memo.

In its discussions with city staff about this ordinance, council staff discovered some discrepancies between the language in the proposed ordinance and the language in the Parking Commission’s reports. City staff noted that these discrepancies were reflective of mistakes in the Commission’s reports and confirmed that the language of the proposed ordinance is correct.

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