

D.6 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential direction to staff regarding parking enforcement code changes, including removing parking infractions from the code and listing them on the adopted fee schedule.

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential direction to staff regarding parking enforcement code changes, including removing parking infractions from the code and listing them on the adopted fee schedule.

From: Alex Woodley, Director of Parking and Code Enforcement

Department: City Manager's Office – Code

Summary:

Reno Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 6.30, "Parking Violations/Civil Infractions," has not been updated since 1990. Staff is requesting possible changes to enhance the code's application, properly address abandoned vehicles, and increase available restricted parking.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Fiscal Sustainability

Economic and Community Development

Previous Council Action:

September 11, 1990 - Council adopted RMC Chapter 6.30.

Background:

Since Council adopted the civil parking infractions code section of the RMC in 1990, there has not been a full review of the ordinance or the related fines. As written today, the code does not adequately deter violations of the code, and parking violations have been the highest calls for service to the City, with approximately 700 to 900 monthly complaints over the last 5 years. Most of the fines within the code have not been updated in over 30 years and no longer provide the impacts intended when they were adopted in 1990 to gain compliance.

Discussion:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this item.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the presentation and provide direction for staff to review and draft the necessary code changes to RMC Chapter 6.30.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Presentation

Parking Enforcement Code Discussion

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RMC Chapter 6.30 Civil Infractions

- First adopted in 1990
- Parking Enforcement Officers weren't identified
- Majority of Infractions never increased
- Over twenty-five archaic infractions

Civil Infractions Comparison

	City of Reno	City of Boise	City of Sacramento	City of N. Las Vegas	UNR	UNLV	City of Sparks
Yellow Zone	\$25.00	\$61.75	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$89.00
Parking in Alley	\$25.00	\$61.75	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$89.00
Parking on Sidewalk/Pkwy	\$30.00	\$61.75	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$89.00
Expired Meters	\$20.00	\$30.75	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
Commercial Truck in Residential	\$30.00	\$61.75	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$89.00
Restricted Parking Zone	\$20.00	\$61.75	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$65.00
Blocked Driveway	\$30.00	\$61.75	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$89.00
Angle Parking Viol.	\$25.00	\$61.75	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$65.00
Fire Lane	\$75.00	\$61.75	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$295.00
Expired Registration	\$30.00	\$61.75	Tow	\$75.00	Tow	\$50.00	\$105.00

Archaic Civil Infractions

- Shall not let the vehicle stand without removing the key
- Unlawful to park in travel lane of highway
- Unlawful to park on highway adjacent to a school
- Bus or cab can not park outside of designated signed spot

Archaic Civil Infractions cont.

- Unlawful to park in front of a theater entrance
- Unlawful to park in front of a hotel entrance
- Unlawful to park in a hotel loading zone over 10 min
- Any lighted headlights shall be dimmed while parked

Staff Recommendations:

- Update RMC Chapter 6.30; strengthen language
- Update list of Infractions; Correlate with NRS;
- Remove infraction fines from the chapter and add them to the annual fee schedule

Recommended Motion

I move to accept the report.