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SUBJECT: Ordinance – Amending Tacoma Municipal Code Title 11 – December 12, 2017
DATE: November 17, 2017

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending Chapters 11.05, 11.55 and 11.60 of the Tacoma Municipal Code relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance, Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor and Automated Traffic Camera Systems, to revise City regulations applicable to street traffic.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

The recommended revisions will reflect existing conditions and create consistency with the Transportation Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 11.05 Model Traffic Ordinance, includes the street traffic regulations of the City and all state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the City. The proposed ordinance will allow the City to regulate and enforce vehicle laws within alignment of the adopted Transportation Master Plan. It also provides a means to improve and address traffic conditions. Chapter 11.55, Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, identifies the designated arterial streets within the Port of Tacoma that may be used to haul overweight freight with a heavy haul permit. Chapter 11.60.010 applies to the authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras and the current language will be updated to meet state law.

ISSUES:

Ordinance No. 28404 was passed on December 13, 2016, amending Chapters 11.05 and 11.55 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. Several changes were inadvertently left off of the final draft ordinance. The proposed recommended revisions include the omitted changes.

New amendments included in this proposal are revisions to Chapter 11.05 which applies to the parking of commercial vehicles in certain zoning districts and one-way streets designated, changes to Chapter 11.55 defining terms of the Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, and changes to Chapter 11.60 regarding the authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras. With the exception of 11.55.020.C Defined Terms – Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, the recommended changes were presented to the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee on September 27, 2017. Both the previously approved revisions as well as the new revisions, summarized and displayed in the attachments, will reflect existing conditions and create consistency with the Transportation Master Plan.

The proposal will amend the following Title 11 sections of the Tacoma Municipal Code:

- 11.05.150 One-way streets designated.
- 11.05.200 Parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhood prohibited.
- 11.05.500 Yield right-of-way intersections designated.
- 11.05.520 Thirty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.



- 11.05.530 Thirty-five miles per hour limit – Streets designated.
- 11.55.020 Defined terms. (11.55.020.C. Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor.)
- 11.60.010 Authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras.

ALTERNATIVES: Approval of the proposed new amendments can be completed at a later date. No action on designating a segment of South 32nd Street as a one-way street may impact the Washington State Department of Transportation's I-5 HOV project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends amending Chapters 11.05, 11.55 and 11.60 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance, Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, and Automated Traffic Camera Systems. The proposed amendments are consistent with the City's Transportation Master Plan and will update the Model Traffic Ordinance with existing street conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.