

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-158	Meeting:	April 4, 2022
	Agenda Item:	40	Roll Call:	[]
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amendment to Chapter 114 regarding parking trailers on City streets.

SYNOPSIS:

The City has received complaints of trailers being left unattended and not attached to a vehicle on streets. This code amendment would clarify that is an offence that could be issued a parking ticket in the amount of \$100.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Amends the definition of trailer to include all devices designed to carry persons or property.
- Includes travel trailers as prohibited from being parked on a street not attached to a tow vehicle.
- The prohibition for parking a vehicle having a freight capacity greater than one (1) ton would remain a violation in residentially zoned neighborhoods.
- The code would prohibit parking a trailer, semitrailer, road tractor or truck tractor unit unattended and unattached to a vehicle at any time on any street.
- It would allow parking a trailer on a street when at an active construction site between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- The ticket amount of \$100 remains unchanged.
- Tickets can be issued by Neighborhood Inspection Division of Neighborhood Services and the Des Moines Police Department.
- The ordinance will clarify what situations allow for ticketing of illegally stored trailers on City streets.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 15, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1761](#) and [21-1762](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation changes to increase the fine for parking trucks, trailers, and semi-trailers in residential districts. (Council Communication No. 21-501) Moved by Gray that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. Moved by Gray that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #[16,079](#). Motion Carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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