

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FC**

Agenda Item: 15.2  
CCM FOR: 10-16-18  
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**DEPARTMENT:** Streets and Maintenance

**AGENDA DATE:** Introduction: October 16, 2018

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** October 30, 2018

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**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 1 & 8

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** 7 – Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

**SUBGOAL:** 7.3 – Enhance a regional comprehensive transportation system

**SUBJECT:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 12.90 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG STREETCAR ROUTE) TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE EL PASO STREETCAR ROUTE. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED IN THE NEW CHAPTER 12.90.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this amendment is to, in support of the El Paso Streetcar, regulate parking along the streetcar route; support new infrastructure and operations; allow towing of illegally parked vehicles; identify designated parking areas along the route; and delete and consolidate existing ordinances along the route.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

  
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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso will begin operations of the El Paso Streetcar (the "Streetcar"); and

**WHEREAS**, parking along the Streetcar route requires regulation to ensure the safety of the public, to protect property, and to ensure the efficient operation of the Streetcar.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**SECTION 1.** Title 12 (vehicles and Traffic) is amended to create a new Chapter 12.90 (Parking Restrictions Along Streetcar Route) to read as follows:

**Chapter 12.90 – Parking Restrictions Along Streetcar Route**

**Section 12.90.010- Definitions**

- A. "Designated Parking Area(s)" means areas along the Streetcar Route that are marked by a sign and pavement markings to designate the specific location where a person is allowed to park a vehicle.
- B. "Streetcar" means the rail mass transit system, including infrastructure and railcars, owned and operated by the City of El Paso.
- C. "Streetcar Route" means the following streets on which the Streetcar is located: Santa Fe Street from Father Rahm to Franklin Avenue; Franklin Avenue from Santa Fe Street to Kansas Street; Stanton Street from Franklin Avenue to Baltimore Avenue; Baltimore Avenue from Stanton Street to Oregon Street; Oregon Street from Baltimore Avenue to Franklin Avenue; and Kansas Street from Franklin Avenue to Father Rahm.
- D. "Traffic Engineer" means the employee designated by the city manager who is trained and qualified to perform the duties of the traffic engineer as set forth within this Code.

**Section 12.90.030- No Stopping, Standing, or Parking- Tow-Away zone**

- A. Except as provided in 12.90.050 below, when signs are erected and/or the curb is painted yellow giving notice thereof, no person shall at any time stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any side of a street within the Streetcar Route.

**Section 12.90.050- Designated Parking Areas Along Streetcar Route**

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- A. A person may park a vehicle within the Streetcar Route in a Designated Parking Area.
- B. A person parking a vehicle in a Designated Parking Area shall not park the vehicle in a manner in which any part of the vehicle is outside of the boundaries of the Designated Parking Area.
- C. If a parking meter is installed next to a Designated Parking Area, then a person parking a vehicle in a Designated Parking Area shall pay the fee required by the parking meter for use of the Designated Parking Area.

**Section 12.90.070-Enforcement**

- A. The Traffic Engineer is authorized to install, remove, and modify all signs and markings necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter. The Traffic Engineer is also authorized to establish and modify the locations of Designated Parking Areas.
- B. The police department is authorized to issue citations and to cause to be towed away any vehicle found stopping, standing, or parking in violation of this Chapter.

**Section 12.90.090- Penalty**

- A. An owner of a vehicle that is found stopping, standing, or parking in violation of this Chapter shall be civilly liable to the towing company performing the towing of the vehicle pursuant to a request from the police department as provided under this Chapter.
- B. In addition to the civil liability above, any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars. For violations under this Chapter that are of a continuing nature, each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 2.** Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**CITY OF EL PASO**

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Dee Margo, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

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Richard J. Bristol, Director  
Streets & Maintenance Department

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