



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 14-68 amending Article 1 (Administration and Enforcement) of Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to the definition of a trailer and towing of the same

From:

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Summary:

The proposed ordinance modifies the definition of trailer and allows the Colorado Springs Police Department to tow a trailer that has been parked in the same place on a street, highway, or alley for more than seventy two (72) hours.

Previous Council Action:

N/A

Background:

The Colorado Springs Police Department receives complaints from citizens about trailers parked for extended periods on City streets. Existing City Code does not allow the Colorado Springs Police Department to tow and impound non-commercial trailers that remain on the City streets for more than seventy two (72) hours. Additionally, the proposed amendment clarifies the definition of trailers in the City Code to include trailers weighing less than 2,000 pounds. The proposed changes to the City Code will address the citizen parking complaints and will allow the Colorado Springs Police Department to take enforcement action.

Financial Implications:

While there are tow fees associated with increased towing, these fees are typically recovered through the fees paid to the City to get the vehicle/trailer out of storage. The revenue offset should result in a net zero change to expenditures.

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

The Colorado Springs Police Department worked with the City Attorney's Office to draft the amended ordinance.

Alternatives:

The City Code section will not be changed.

Proposed Motion:

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

An ordinance amending City Code to change the definition of trailer and clarify that trailers can be towed from city streets, highways, or alleys when parked in the same place more than seventy-two (72) hours.