



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 8/4/2021

TITLE:

Ordinance to Amend County Code Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance to amend County Code Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Farley, Bessette, Lantz, Stoddard, Jamerson

PRESENTER (S): Greg Kamptner

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Board has directed the County Attorney's Office to conduct a comprehensive review and recodification of the County Code. Chapter 9 of the County Code regulates the operation, parking, and licensing/permitting of motor vehicles, bicycles, electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards or scooters, and mopeds.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mission - To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all community members through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

DISCUSSION: The process of recodifying the County Code includes making formatting, style, organizational, and substantive changes. These changes are being addressed at the chapter level before the Board considers adopting a complete, recodified County Code.

The attached proposed ordinance includes the following substantive changes:

- Removes a requirement that a vehicle must not only impede the use of highways, but must also have created a traffic hazard - creating an additional, unclear requirement - before police may order the vehicle removed.
- Removes parking regulations for the University of Virginia, the Piedmont Virginia Community College, and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, which have their own parking rules.
- Removes the vehicle license provisions and relocates them to County Code Chapter 15, Taxation. An ordinance to amend County Code Chapter 15 because those provisions pertain to a tax.
- Removes regulations pertaining to traffic light signal monitoring systems because the County no longer uses such a system and the current regulations are outdated. Virginia Code § 46.2-113 enables localities to set the maximum fine for violations for which the penalty is not otherwise provided at

\$250.00. Proposed County Code § 9-117 would increase the maximum fine for these violations from \$100.00 to \$250.00.

In addition, staff has included stylistic revisions and eliminated archaic or redundant language to make the chapter easier to read.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no expected budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that, after the public hearing, the Board adopt the attached proposed ordinance (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Proposed Ordinance