

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 7/6/10

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Amendment of Albany Municipal Code Section 9-1.1 Defining Annual Holidays Applicable to Traffic and Parking Enforcement, and Oversized and Recreational Vehicles – FIRST READING

REPORT BY: Mike McQuiston, Chief of Police

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Waive reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2010-05 for First Reading which amends Albany Municipal Code Section 9-1.1 to change the definition of annual holidays relative to traffic and parking enforcement, and adds definitions for oversized and recreational vehicles.

BACKGROUND

The definition and designation of holidays surfaced when the police department received several complaints after parking citations were issued according to the current Albany Municipal Code holiday schedule adopted by City Council in 1997.

The attached Ordinance amendment also includes new definitions for “Oversized Vehicles” and “Recreational Vehicles”. For more information, please refer to the staff report on Oversized and Recreational Vehicles.

DISCUSSION

Albany Municipal Code section 9-1.1 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) defines annual holidays by name (e.g. Washington's Birthday) and does not provide a calendar date upon which the holiday is to be recognized. This presents a problem when the date is different than those recognized by the county, state and/or federal governments and members of the public receive parking citations on days which they thought were recognized holidays.

The proposed amendment specifies the calendar day upon which the holiday occurs, bringing it more closely into line with other agencies and making enforcement more consistent for the public. Moreover, the proposed language is better suited to public dissemination and on-line placement as an accurate ready reference for anyone who inquires as to the actual, annually recognized holidays for parking enforcement. These dates may occasionally differ slightly from Federal holidays and will not consistently match City Hall closures, which more closely represent holidays specified in various

labor agreements; however the proposed language is intended to eliminate confusion as to the recognized enforcement holidays.

The proposed language also provides for the use of the word “Holidays” on street signs and reduces the number of annual holidays in number from eleven to ten. This is accomplished through the combining of Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthdays into a single “President’s Day” holiday. This more closely matches the ten federally recognized holidays.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None of significance.

Attachment:

Proposed Ordinance No. 2010-05 amending Section 9-1.1 (Definitions)