



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Traffic Code Update: Revisions to Chapter 19 of the City Code of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the City Code to update Traffic Control Schedules of Devices, adding 49 locations citywide where new installations of traffic control devices have occurred, and removing 30 locations citywide where devices have been altered or removed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This ordinance will update various Traffic Control Schedules of Devices established in Chapter 19, Section 68(b) of the City Code of Ordinances. All traffic control devices need to be present on these schedules to have effective enforcement. Types of traffic control devices include, but are not limited to, stop signs, traffic signals, parking restrictions and speed limit designations. Approval of this ordinance will enable consistent enforcement of on-street traffic regulations and is a continuation of City Council policy to maintain efficient and safe traffic flow. These schedules are updated to reflect new traffic control device installations and/or the removal of such devices at specified locations. The last update to the Traffic Control Schedule of Devices was enacted on June 6, 2024.

ISSUE:

This ordinance amends the Traffic Control Schedules of Devices for the City of San Antonio, Texas established in Chapter 19, Section 68(b) of the City Code, to add 49 locations where new installations of traffic control devices have occurred, and to remove 30 locations where devices have been altered or removed.

TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEDULES OF DEVICES:

Approval of this ordinance amending Section 19-68(b) will enable consistent enforcement of on-street traffic regulations and is a continuation of City Council policy to maintain efficient and safe traffic flow. These schedules are updated to reflect new traffic control device installations and/or removal of such devices at specified locations. These device installations and/or removals are a result of traffic engineering evaluations which are typically prompted by citizen requests.

The following traffic control devices that were added (included) since the previously enacted traffic code update on June 6, 2024, include:

1. All Way Stops – (18 additional locations) [Schedule C(a) – update]
2. Cross Street Stop – (18 additional locations) [Schedule C(b) - update]
3. Maximum Speed Limit – (2 additional location) [Schedule E(a) – update]
4. Parking Prohibited at All Times, Including Sundays, and Holidays – (11 additional locations) [Schedule G(a) - update]

The following traffic control devices that were removed (excluded) since the previously enacted traffic code update on June 6, 2024, include:

1. Cross Street Stop – (17 removed location) [Schedule C(b) – update]
2. Cross Street Yield – (1 removed locations) [Schedule D(a) – update]
3. Maximum Speed Limit – (1 removed location) [Schedule E(a) – update]
4. Parking Prohibited at All Times, Including Sundays, and Holidays – (3 removed location) [Schedule G(a) – update]
5. School Speed Zones, School Crosswalk (intersection), cell phone use prohibited – (6 removed locations) [Schedule M(b) – update]
6. School Speed Zones, School Crosswalk (midblock), Seven AM to Nine AM, and Two PM to Five PM, 20 mph, school days only and cell phone use prohibited – (1 removed location) [Schedule M(f) – update]

7. School Speed Zones, School Crosswalks (Intersection), Flashing Beacon, 20 mph, School Days Only, Cell Phone Use Prohibited – (1 removed location) [Schedule M(h) – update

For the total number of traffic control devices added (included) and removed (excluded) by Council District, since the previously enacted traffic code update on June 6, 2024, reference Attachment A. For the list of named locations reference the attached Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this item; however, this would limit the City’s ability to enforce the traffic control devices at the locations listed in the attachment.

Not updating the Traffic Control Devices Schedules would result in the City of San Antonio Police Department's inability to enforce the traffic control devices at the locations listed within ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, to update the Traffic Control Schedules of Devices to add 49 locations citywide where new installations of traffic control devices have occurred, remove 30 locations citywide where devices have been altered or removed.