



FINANCE DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL COLLECTOR'S DIVISION
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Delora Siebrecht, Office Manager

DATE: April 24, 2006

RE: Revision Urbana Local Traffic Code – 72 Hour Parking Ordinance

Brief Description of the item(s)

This item was deferred on Feb. 23, 2006 until a study of the 72 Hour Ordinance is completed. The study is being revisited by Council on April 24th. This revision is included on the agenda in case Council decides to move forward with this issue.

Identification of the Issues and any approvals required:

Sec. 23-189. Parking in Excess of 72 Hours. The current section in the Urbana Local Traffic Code prohibiting parking in excess of 72 hours requires that any vehicle parked on the street must be moved at least every 72 hours. The section does not define “moving” the vehicle. Since the code does not define how far the vehicle must move, Parking Enforcement is having difficulty enforcing the ordinance. Adding the following definition will clarify the section:

Moving the vehicle is defined as 1) driving the vehicle at least .2 of a mile distance per the odometer reading taken by the officer at the time the vehicle is marked; or 2) driving the vehicle through or across a street intersection before re-parking the vehicle within the same block that it was previously parked.

Moving the vehicle either of these distances will remove the identifiers used by Parking Enforcement to tell if the vehicle was moved. Identifiers include the odometer reading, chalk marks on the tire tread, tire valve stem placement and photographs of debris, ice and snow surrounding the vehicle.

Council approval is required.

Options and their consequences

Clarification of the ordinance will eliminate citizen confusion on how to comply with the law and give Parking Enforcement guidelines on enforcement of the ordinance. In addition, the amended ordinance can be legally upheld for fine collection purposes.

Fiscal impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the attached ordinance amending Urbana Local Traffic Code, Sec. 23-189. Parking in Excess of 72 Hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04-053

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23-189 OF THE
URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE

(Parking in Excess of 72 Hours)

WHEREAS, a definition concerning the section Parking in Excess of
72 Hours Prohibited is needed to provide effective enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

THAT Chapter 23 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code is hereby further
amended to read:

Sec. 23-211. Parking in excess of 72 hours prohibited.

It shall be unlawful in the city for any person or operator of a vehicle to
park such a vehicle on any street and to permit it to remain without moving
the same for a span of time in excess of seventy-two (72) hours. Moving the
vehicle is defined as 1) driving the vehicle at least .2 of a mile distance
per the odometer reading taken by the officer at the time the vehicle is
marked; or 2) driving the vehicle through or across a street intersection
before re-parking the vehicle within the same block face that it was
previously parked. Block face as used herein is defined in Section II-3
Definitions of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
_____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
_____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor