

**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: June 5, 2017  
Item No.: 7.e

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Consider adoption of an ordinance restricting parking in front of mailboxes

**BACKGROUND**

On April 5, 2017, the City Council authorized an Interim Use renewal to allow the Minnesota State Fair the opportunity to operate several park and ride lots bordering on residential areas in Roseville during the annual Minnesota State Fair. Prior to the renewal, the City heard from residents who complained of numerous automobiles parked on city streets because the park and ride lots are full, often times, early in the day. The Request for Council Action noted numerous complaints from Roseville residents related to overflow parking in the neighborhoods.

This authorization came with additional obligations on the State Fair related to parking in residential areas of Roseville.

Over the years both Roseville Public Works and the Police Department have fielded numerous complaints from residents about vehicles parked on residential streets blocking mailboxes, driveways, free access to turn corners, etc., related to the park and ride lots. Minnesota state statues outlaw many of these complaints except for blocking mailboxes.

In fact, Minnesota statutes do not address parked automobiles blocking mailboxes at all.

Recent research of bordering cities along with St. Paul, Minneapolis and all first ring suburbs produced the following information related to parking in front of mailboxes.

Cities that currently do not address parking in front of mailboxes: Roseville, Shoreview, Arden Hills, New Brighton, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, N. St. Paul, Little Canada, Mounds View, White Bear Lake,

St. Paul, Minneapolis, W. St. Paul, S. St. Paul, Richfield, Edina, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Golden Valley, Crystal, Robbinsdale and Columbia Heights.

Cites that currently address parking in front of mailboxes, along with the ordinance wording:

**St. Anthony-** "No person may park a vehicle so as to obstruct a mail box."

**Maplewood-** "No Parking- In front of or in such proximity to any rural delivery mail box so as to obstruct or interfere with delivery of mail to such box."

33 **Woodbury-** “No Parking- In front of a mailbox during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday  
34 through  
35 Saturday in a manner which would prevent the distribution of mail by the United States Postal Service.  
36 Postal carriers must be able to drive into and out of the delivery area without backing up.”  
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38 A general Internet search produced the following information, not from Minnesota:

- 39 - "No person shall park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, within fifteen feet of a public or  
40 private curbside mailbox between the hours of eight a.m. and five p.m."
- 41 - "No motor vehicle shall be parked within ten (10) feet of a clearly visible, residential mailbox  
42 which is located directly adjacent to curbside or on a public right-of-way between the hours of  
43 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except Sundays and holidays.”  
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45 A negative consequence of enacting this ordinance change is that some neighborhoods, especially those  
46 with shorter blocks, will have limited parking, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
47 because of current state statutes that limit parking within 20 ft. of a stop sign and 10 ft. from a fire  
48 hydrant.  
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50 The Roseville City Attorney has no concerns on the proposed language  
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#### 52 **PROPOSED ACTION**

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54 A blending of available ordinance information, along with providing clear wording, produced the  
55 following potential addition to Roseville City Code, 602.04, PARKING, STANDING, STOPPING,  
56 UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLES:  
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58 E. No vehicle shall be parked within ten (10) feet of a clearly visible, residential mailbox which is  
59 located directly adjacent to curbside or on a public right-of-way between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and  
60 6:00 p.m., except Sundays and holidays.  
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62 See page 2, lines 48-50 of the Attachment to this RCA.  
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#### 64 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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66 There are no financial impacts to the City  
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#### 68 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

69 Discuss and provide direction to city staff on the proposed changes to Chapter 602.04 of the Roseville City  
70 Code as it relates to PARKING, STANDING, STOPPING, UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLES.

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## CHAPTER 601 TRAFFIC RULES

### SECTION:

602.01: Locking Required

602.02: Failure to Lock Immaterial in Certain Cases

602.03: Removal of Keys by Police Officer

602.04: Unattended Motor Vehicles

602.05: Handicapped Parking

602.06: Parking on Boulevard Prohibited

602.07: Fire Lanes

602.08: Vehicular Parking or Traffic Temporarily Prohibited

602.09: No Parking After Snowfall

602.10: Rules on Private and Public Parking Lots

#### **602.01: LOCKING REQUIRED:**

No person shall leave a motor vehicle, except a commercial motor vehicle, unattended on any street, alley, used car lot or unattended parking lot without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing and taking the key. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

#### **602.02: FAILURE TO LOCK IMMATERIAL IN CERTAIN CASES:**

Any violation of the provisions of section 602.01 of this chapter shall not mitigate the offense of stealing or tampering with such motor vehicle nor shall violation be used to prevent a recovery in any civil action for theft of such motor vehicle, or the insurance on such vehicle or have any other bearing in any civil action. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958; amd. 1990 Code)

#### **602.03: REMOVAL OF KEYS BY POLICE OFFICER:**

Whenever any police officer of the city shall find a motor vehicle standing in violation of section 602.01 of this chapter, the police officer is authorized and directed to remove the keys left in such vehicle and to deliver such keys to the officer in charge of the police department at the city hall. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

#### **602.04: UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLES:**

A. Manner of Parking: Any vehicle parked at any time in any part of the city shall be parked with the right-hand side parallel to the curb or edge of the street and not more than one foot from the curb or edge of the street leaving at least fourfeet) between parked vehicles except where marks or signs on the streets indicate that cars shall be parked at an angle. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958; amd. 1995 Code)

B. Double Parking: Vehicles shall not stand two or more abreast in any street except in the case of commercial vehicles when calling for or delivering parcels or merchandise such commercial vehicle may double park for the length of time absolutely and reasonably necessary to load or unload when access to the curb is blocked by other vehicles at the place of delivery. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

C. Time Limitations: No truck with a capacity of over two tons shall be parked on any

44 street for more than 90 minutes or for the time necessary to load or unload such truck. (Ord. 270, 1-  
45 27-1958; amd. 1995 Code)

46 D. Parking On Private Property: No vehicle shall be parked or left standing upon the private property  
47 of any person without the consent of the property owner. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

48 E. No Vehicle shall be parked within ten (10) feet of a clearly visible, residential mailbox which is  
49 located directly adjacent to curbside or on a public right-of-way between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and  
50 6:00 p.m., except Sundays and holidays.

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### 52 **602.05: HANDICAPPED PARKING:**

53 A. Restriction: No person shall park a motor vehicle in a parking space designated and reserved for  
54 the physically handicapped, on either private or public property, unless:

55 1. That person is physically handicapped in a manner rendering it difficult and burdensome for such  
56 person to walk or such person was operating the vehicle under the direction of such a physically  
57 handicapped person; and

58 2. The vehicle visibly bears or contains the certificate or insignia issued to physically handicapped  
59 persons by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section  
60 169.345, subdivision 2.

61 B. Notice of Designation: Notice of such designation of handicapped parking spaces shall be given  
62 by the posting of signs designated in accordance with the requirements of the manual of the  
63 commissioner of public safety on uniform traffic control devices and the location, number and  
64 method of signing of such spaces is first approved by the chief of police. (Ord. 781, 5-10-1976)

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### 66 **602.06: PARKING ON BOULEVARD PROHIBITED:**

67 No vehicle shall be parked on any boulevard adjacent to a public street except for boulevard parking  
68 spaces listed on the inventory of boulevard parking spaces regularly in use, dated June 30, 1984,  
69 prepared by the code enforcement officer, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference and  
70 which is on file in the office of the city manager, may continue to be used until one of the following  
71 occurs:

72 A. Roadway improvements involving disturbance of or removal of the boulevard parking area is  
73 undertaken; or

74 B. Substantial improvements to the lot located adjacent to the boulevard parking area is undertaken,  
75 such expansion or construction of house, garage or driveway. (Ord. 1223, 6-29-1999)

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### 77 **602.07: FIRE LANES:**

78 A. Designation of Lanes: When the fire chief determines that it is necessary for fire safety purposes  
79 to establish areas of access for firefighting equipment, the fire chief shall designate fire lanes along  
80 the curb of public and private roadways adjacent to buildings and within the parking lots of public  
81 and private property. Within thirty (30) days of notification of such designation, in writing, by the  
82 fire chief, the owner of the property adjacent to such fire lanes shall, at the property owner's expense:

83 1. Post and maintain signs approved by the fire chief reading, in substance, "*NO PARKING - FIRE*  
84 *LANE*". Such signs shall be posted at each end of the fire lane and at least at every 100 foot interval  
85 within the fire lane.

86 2. Paint and maintain the painting of the curbing along the fire lanes in a yellow color. (Ord. 987, 12-  
87 2-1985)

88 B. Removal of Unauthorized Vehicle: No vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle, may be  
89 parked in a fire lane. Vehicles in violation of this section may be removed, impounded and kept in  
90 custody under the direction of the chief of police. (Ord. 905, 5-10-1982)

91 **602.08: VEHICULAR PARKING OR TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY**  
92 **PROHIBITED:**

93 A. Maintenance, Improvements Or Emergency: The Public Works Director or the Chief of Police  
94 may temporarily prohibit vehicular parking or traffic upon any public street at such times as the  
95 public works department is performing maintenance or making improvements to such streets or at  
96 such times that a public safety emergency exists on or near such streets.

97 B. Posting: No person shall park or drive a vehicle on a public street after it has been posted with  
98 signs by the Public Works Director or the Chief of Police temporarily prohibiting vehicular parking  
99 or traffic pursuant to this section. (Ord. 817, 5-8-1978; amd. 1995 Code)

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101 **602.09: NO PARKING AFTER SNOWFALL:**

102 A. Parking Restricted: No person shall park any vehicle, except in compliance with directions of a  
103 police officer or in compliance with regulatory parking signs, on any street for a period of 48 hours  
104 commencing immediately after any two inches or more continuous snowfall or until snow removal  
105 has been completed on any street, whichever occurs first. (Ord. 687, 12-18-1972)

106 B. Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles: Any vehicle parked in violation of this section is declared  
107 to be a nuisance which interferes with snow removal from public streets and any police officer may  
108 remove or cause to be removed, summarily, any such vehicle by means of towing or otherwise or  
109 such police officer may require the driver or owner to remove such vehicle off the paved, improved  
110 or traveled portion of such street.

111 C. Prosecution For Violation: The removal of a vehicle which is parked in violation of this section,  
112 either by a police officer or under the direction of a police officer, shall not preclude a prosecution  
113 for violation of any provision of this chapter. (Ord. 361, 2-26-1962)

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115 **602.10: RULES ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARKING LOTS:**

116 On any private or publicly-owned parking lots within the City, the following rules shall apply:

117 A. The police department may post signs at any entrances to a parking lot from a public street which  
118 shall designate one-way traffic for entrance or exit. The driver of any vehicle entering or leaving such  
119 lot shall comply with any one-way signs so posted.

120 B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater than is safe and reasonable under the  
121 conditions of then existing traffic and in no event exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour.

122 C. Parking on lots shall conform to any stalls or positions for parking designated on the surface of the  
123 parking area.

124 D. The owner of the land on which the parking lot is located may designate certain spaces as for  
125 public safety, fire or emergency vehicles only, and no other vehicles may park in said spaces.

126 E. No vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in any area of such parking lot which has been  
127 designated or is used for a lane for moving traffic so as to interfere with the movement of traffic.  
128 (Ord. 401, 8-26-1963)

129 F. No motor vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in such a lot at a curb which is painted  
130 yellow.

131 G. No motor vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in such a lot in front of any entrance to any  
132 business or establishment open to public patronage. (1990 Code)

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134 (Ord.1351, 8-27-2007)