

Department Requesting Code Change:

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Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

Title 21, Chapters 2150, 2151 and 2155

What is the overall purpose of this code change? *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

Chapter 2150 is a complete re-write to clarify definitions, simplify the language for easy understanding, streamline the parking ticket appeals process and establish rules and regulations related to parking ticket payment timelines and a tiered fine structure to incentive timely payments. Changes to Chapter 2151 and 2155 are focused on language clean-up and adding mobility-focused violations as anticipate the addition of more bike infrastructure and bus rapid transit.

Why is this code change needed? *Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.*

To simplify a very confusing code, internally and to the general public, and establish rules and regulations to aid in how the City manages parking.

What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?

The Division will continue to have a code that is difficult to understand, outdated and not inline with the goals of our Division Strategic Parking Plan. Some of the changes are critical as we move forward with LinkUs and a focus on mobility and moving people throughout the City.

Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?

These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.

There are no significant budget implications from the code changes. The adjusted fine structure and early payment options are designed to encourage compliance and minimize the amount of outstanding, unpaid citations impacting the Mobility Enterprise Fund budge. There will be cost incurred in the printing of new parking ticket stock.

Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?

Most of the changes will require minimal community engagement as the changes are focused on language clarifications and not changing the meaning of the code. The establishment of rules and regulations related to parking ticket payment timelines and fine structures will require a significant amount of engagement using our Education contract with Hunter Marketing and our internal communications team. We will use media releases, social media campaigns, website updates, etc. to communicate changes. Parking changes impact all “parkers” and not one individual stakeholder group.

Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?

All code changes will take effect upon passage. However, the movement of the fine structure to rules and regulations will have a delayed effective date due to the printing of new parking tickets and back-end system changes that will need to occur. We would expect those changes to go into effective in Q2.

Expected timeline:

Dec. 2: Council public hearing

Dec. 8: First reading

Dec. 15: Second reading and passage