

# Proposed Update to Chapter 86 Traffic and Motor Vehicles

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# Chapter 86 Traffic and Motor Vehicles Update

- As with most ordinance updates there are quite a few cleanup items given that the last major update occurred in 1995.
  - These include references to staff positions - City Engineer versus Traffic engineer, clarifying duties and responsibilities between staff, moving sections around, and updating to current procedures, etc.

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- Basketball Goals in the Street
  - Earlier this year, TSAC requested information and discussion about the City's current ordinances relating to basketball goals in the street. Current Ordinance states:

**Sec. 86-18. No obstructions in street.**

(a) *Prohibition.* No person shall place any unsafe obstruction upon any street.

- The current stipulations provide a significant amount of discretion to the Police Department to make this determination.

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- Basketball Goals in the Street
  - The Police Department proposed, and TSAC supported.

**BB goals are allowed in the street (abutted against the curb line) only if the width of the street is 38'\* or less and the speed limit is 20 mph or less.**

\*width of the street is based on the feeder street for a cul-de-sac not the diameter of the cul-de-sac

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- Added a section on Vulnerable Road Users:
  - *Vulnerable road user* means a pedestrian, including a runner, physically disabled person, child, skater, highway construction and maintenance worker, tow truck operator, utility worker, other worker with legitimate business in or near the road or right-of-way, stranded motorist or passenger, a person on horseback, a person operating equipment other than a motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, a bicycle, unicycle, tricycle, other similar play vehicle, handcycle, horse-driven conveyance, unprotected farm equipment, a person operating a motorcycle, moped, motor-driven cycle, motor-assisted scooter or a person on a micro-mobility device.
- Includes provisions on safe passing, not harassing, exercise due care.

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- Eliminates the section on Photographic Traffic Enforcement Systems based on changes to State Law.
- Updated the Section on Bicycles and Play Vehicles.
- More clearly outlined the process to request installing or removing speed humps.

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- Staff has added a significant section on Moving Events -
- *Moving Event* means any march, procession, walking or motorized parade, walk or run within the city, consisting of people, animals, vehicles, or any other combination thereof, that interferes with or tends to interfere with the normal flow or regulation of traffic upon the roadways within the City of Schertz. This includes events that utilize sidewalks and/or roadway medians or shoulders, where event participants crossing roadways or through intersections would interfere with the normal flow of traffic on the roadway.
- These require a permit, and the ordinance outlines the requirements and basis for the permit application approval and denial.

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- Questions and Comments?
- Staff anticipates bringing the ordinances to Council for approval in September unless the feedback received at this presentation would push that back.

