

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Amendment to Traffic Regulations Ordinance

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend amending Paragraph (C) of §70.03, "Rules and Regulations," of Chapter 70, "General Provisions," of Title VII, "Traffic Regulations," of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances, O-1. An Ordinance has been prepared and appears under the regular order of business.

**Justification:**

Many traffic regulation requests are submitted to the City of Saginaw Engineering Division throughout each year, generally from business owners or residents, however, they can also originate from the Engineering Division. These requests include parking regulations, intersection controls and vacated streets. Upon receipt, the Engineering Division does a thorough field review of the area in question, notifies property owners, (if applicable), of the proposed change(s), and prepares a report of its finding for submission to the Traffic Committee. The Traffic Committee, consisting of representatives of the City Manager, City Engineer, Traffic Engineer, Chief of Police and the City Attorney, reviews each request and prepares a recommendation for City Council. Property owners (if applicable) and original requestors are notified of the pending change and the date the regulations will be presented to City Council. Paragraph (C), of the present ordinance, states: "...rules and regulation changes made hereunder shall become effective when notice of same shall have been given by publication in the official newspaper of the City and when the traffic control devices or traffic signals, if required under this title, have been installed." This compilation of

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changes is presented to Council at least twice each year and the recommended changes can be voluminous and costly to publish. As such it is recommended that this publication requirement be removed from the City's ordinance. Paragraph (C) is also being amended to include that a certified copy of the adopted rules and regulations be filed with the County Clerk, which is required by MCL 257.71 (Sec. 71). Given the foregoing, I recommend Paragraph (C) of §70.03, "Rules and Regulations," of Chapter 70, "General Provisions," of Title VII, "Traffic Regulations," of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances, O-1, be amended.

## **Council Action:**

This Council Communication is for explanation purposes only of the ordinance to be introduced.