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Occoquan Town Council
Work Session Meeting
May 21, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Regular Items
 - a. Request to Approve Amendment to Chapter 62 of the Town Code, Prohibiting the Blocking of Intersections
 - b. Town Council Meeting Follow Up Information
 - c. Town Code Review Process
3. Adjournment



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda Communication

2. Work Session	Meeting Date: May 21, 2019
2A: Request to Approve Amendment to Chapter 62 of the Town Code, Prohibiting the Blocking of Intersections	

Explanation and Summary:

There is a public safety and general welfare issue in Town created by vehicles unreasonably blocking and impeding intersections. In June, 2017, the Town Council enacted an ordinance directly addressing blocking or impeding intersections (commonly referred to as “blocking the box.”). Since that time, the Police have been regularly enforcing the block the box at Commerce St. and Gordon Blvd. In an attempt to more efficiently address blocking the box and the related gridlock on Gordon Blvd., Town Staff is proposing to amend the Town Code to make violating the block the box ordinance a civil violation and setting an offense amount.

The proposed ordinance will change the violation to a civil penalty and set a fine amount for blocking or impeding intersection.

Chief of Police Recommendation: Recommend adoption.

Town Attorney Recommendation: Recommend adoption.

Town Manager Recommendation: Recommend adoption.

Cost and Financing: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Proposed/Suggested Motion:

“I move to adopt the proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 72.03 of the Town Code to making blocking intersections within the Town a civil offense.”

OR

Other action Council deems appropriate.

Attachments: (1) Proposed Ordinance

ORDINANCE # O-2019-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR BLOCKING AN INTERSECTION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the Town of Occoquan, Virginia meeting in _____ session this ____ day of _____, 2019:

1. That the Town Council hereby amends Town Code § 72.03 as follows:

§ 72.03 NO BLOCKING OF INTERSECTION. No operator of a vehicle shall enter an intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space beyond such intersection or crosswalk in the direction in which such vehicle is proceeding to accommodate the vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

Vehicle operators who violate § 72.03 are subject to a civil penalty in the amount of the fine listed for “all other violations” in § 73.99 (B). The process for issuing and enforcing citations under this section is provided in Chapter 73, mutatis mutandis.

2. That, pursuant to Section 11 of the Town Charter, this ordinance shall become effective after it has been posted for a period of thirty days in one or more conspicuous places in the town; the Town Clerk is directed to post it at Town Hall, Mamie Davis Park, and the US Post Office on Mill Street.

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE:

ACTION:

Date: _____
Regular Meeting
Ord. No. _____

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

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Town Clerk



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Agenda Communication

2. Work Session	Meeting Date: May 21, 2019
2B: 5/7/19 Town Council Meeting Follow up Information	

Explanation and Summary:

Town Council requested additional information on the following line items from the Treasurer's Report that was presented at the 5/7/19 Regular Business Meeting:

- Fees and Licenses
- Interest
- Contracts
- Facilities Maintenance

Engineer's Recommendation: N/A

Town Attorney's Recommendation: N/A

Town Manager's Recommendation: N/A

Cost and Financing: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Proposed/Suggested Motion: None.

Attachments (1): 5/7/19 Town Council Meeting Follow up Information

5/7/19 Town Council Meeting Follow up Information

Town Council requested additional information on the following line items from the Total Funds spreadsheet portion of the Treasurer's Report:

	5/7/19 Treasurer's Rept.	FY 2019 YTD*	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2018 Actual
Fees and Licenses**	\$57,765	\$65,735	\$90,692	\$89,702
Interest	\$1,804	\$1,904	\$7,500	\$5,688
Contracts	\$49,818	\$64,524	\$76,500	\$74,433
Facilities Maintenance	\$49,452	\$56,617	\$66,251	\$60,600

*As of 5/15/19

** Anticipate collecting additional \$10,000 in BPOL funding by 5/31/19 deadline.

Discussion

As of 5/15/19, approximately 83% of the fiscal year has been completed.

Fees and Licenses

- Approximately 72% of the FY 2019 Estimated amount has been collected.
- The deadline for Business License fees to be submitted to the Town is 5/31/19. Currently, the collection for BPOL stands at approximately \$49,289 (FY 2019 YTD). \$68,803 was collected in FY 2018, which is also the FY2019 Estimated amount.

Interest

- Approximately 25% of the FY 2019 Estimated amount has been collected.
- Approximately \$967.86 in General Fund Interest has been collected (FY 2019 YTD). \$742.54 was collected in FY 2018. The Town has exceeded the FY 2018 amount by approximately \$225 thus far in FY 2019.
- Approximately \$1,736.39 in Brick Revenue has been collected (FY 2019 YTD). \$1,955.36 was collected in FY 2018. Brick Revenue is down by approximately \$218.97 thus far in FY 2019.
- The Town has not received any General Fund Sponsorship funding thus far in FY 2019.

Contracts

- Approximately 84% of the FY 2019 Estimated amount has been spent.

Facilities Maintenance

- Approximately 85% of the FY 2019 Estimated amount has been spent.



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2. Work Session	Meeting Date: May 21, 2019
2C: Town Code Review Process	

Explanation and Summary:

This is a request to have Town Council begin to review the Town Code with the purpose of updating specific sections. The first section that will be reviewed is Title 1: General Provisions.

The Town will systematically review parts of the Town Code one section at a time and completing all of the updates Town Council deems appropriate. Town Staff will also be reviewing sections of the Town Code to make recommendations. The goal of this process is to ensure the Town Code is up to date and appropriate for 2019.

Town Manager's Recommendation: Recommend approval.

Town Attorney's Recommendation: Recommend approval.

Cost and Financing: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Action Council deems appropriate.

Attachments: (None)