

**Date:** August 28, 2018

**To:** Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager

**From:** Lori F. Schwarz, AICP, Director of Neighborhood Services

**Subject:** Amendments to Code of Ordinances Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic

## Item Summary

The City of Plano Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 12-115 Parking of certain equipment in certain zoning districts, regulates the parking of vehicles and the surfaces on which they are parked or stored to prevent public nuisances.

The proposed ordinance amendment consolidates the parking surface requirements for all zoning districts within the Code of Ordinances and makes the penalty references for parking surface and commercial parking violations consistent with the remainder of Chapter 12. This amendment also sets minimum fines for repeat and habitual offenders to create increased deterrents.

## Background

Parking surface regulations for non-residentially zoned districts have historically been enforced through the City of Plano Zoning Ordinance. Recent changes to the Zoning Ordinance have been focused on clarifying the development standards for parking areas, driveways and maneuvering aisles rather than the daily activities conducted thereon. This has created uncertainty among business owners and citizens on the appropriate surfaces on which vehicles may be parked or stored within the varying zoning districts.

Additionally, some property owners have made the choice to continue to violate city codes and pay minimal fines in lieu of make the required parking surface improvements. The proposed ordinance changes will provide for increasing minimum fines for subsequent and habitual offenders.

## Outcome

This amendment will clarify and consolidate parking surface regulations into a single code chapter. It will also encourage the required development and/or improvement of parking areas, driveways and maneuver aisles.

xc: Jack Carr, Deputy City Manager