

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Jennings

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BILL NO. 9313

ORDINANCE NO. 7038

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 357 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI ENACTING AND ADOPTING “UNAUTHORIZED STOPPING AND PARKING ALONG TROLLEY TRACK”.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enact an ordinance to keep the Loop Trolley track clear of obstructions that could impair Trolley service or present safety concerns for the traveling public.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 357 of the Traffic Code of the University City Municipal Code, “Unauthorized Stopping and Parking along Trolley Track”, is hereby enacted, which shall read as follows:

Chapter 357 – Unauthorized Stopping and Parking Along Trolley Track

Section 357.010. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Section, the following terms, phrases and words shall have the meanings given herein and shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Chapter unless otherwise specifically stated:

TROLLEY OBSTRUCTION ZONE

The physical corridor used by the Loop Trolley vehicles during movement along the Loop Trolley track (including a safety buffer), measuring five feet six inches (5’6”) outward in both direction from the center of the Loop Trolley track (11’ wide in total), except that if the City has officially striped a parking lane along the edge of the Trolley Obstruction Zone, then the Trolley Obstruction Zone extends to the stripe’s curb-side edge.

Section 357.020. Stopping and Parking Prohibited.

- A. No person shall stop or leave standing any vehicle, other than an emergency vehicle, whether attended or unattended, in the Trolley Obstruction Zone, as defined in Section 357.010 except in compliance with the directs of a police officer, traffic-control device, or City-issued right-of-way permit with track access authorization.

- B. The prohibitions set forth in this Section shall apply 24 hours a day, 7 days per week and apply with or without a trolley vehicle being present on the Trolley track.
- C. Where street parking is allowed parallel to the Trolley track, vehicles parked along the curb in a marked parking space shall not permit any part of the vehicle to cross or encroach over or onto the pavement surface marking that defines the parking space onto the Trolley track.
- D. Such prohibition shall not apply to delivery trucks lawfully stopped or parked for the purpose of loading or unloading in areas marked and designated as Loading Zones.

Section 357.030. Removal of Obstructing Vehicles.

Where any vehicle is stopped or standing within the Trolley Obstruction zone in violation of Chapter 357, the Police will attempt to locate the owner or person in charge of the vehicle and request the vehicle be moved outside of the Trolley Obstruction Zone. Where the owner fails or refuses to move the vehicle, or the vehicle is incapable of being moved under its own power, the Police may without notice, if notice is infeasible, cause the same to be removed to a City contracted tow lot and the Police shall thereupon notify the owner or owners of such motor vehicle if known, by certified mail, of the location thereof and of the right of such owner to secure return of possession of the motor vehicle upon payment of the cost of removal and storage. Nothing herein shall be construed to provide the owner with a defense against any Sections of this Chapter. No person other than the City or its duly authorized contractor shall tow or move the incapacitated vehicle, authorize the towing or moving of the incapacitated vehicle, or remove or tamper with wheel immobilization device.

Section 357.040. Parking Violation.

Vehicles parked in the trolley obstruction zone as defined in Section 357.010 shall be ticketed as a non-moving parking violation. Tickets are subject to late fees based on non-payment. Fourteen (14) days after non-payment, ticket amounts double from the initial fine. Citations remained unpaid after forty-five (45) days from the issuance date shall triple from the initial fine. After forty-five (45) days of non-payment, tickets are subject to receive a summons to appear in Municipal Court.

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Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of the University City Municipal Code.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 8th day of May 2017

Shelley Welsch

MAYOR

ATTEST:

LaBette Green

INTERIM CITY CLERK



CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY