



**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
 - A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Aug 22, 2013 6:00 PM**
- 3. Agenda Items**
 - A. Twenty-Four Hour Parking 350.060**
 - B. Primary Seatbelt Ordinance**
 - C. City Pet Tags and Microchips**
- 4. General Discussion**
- 5. Adjournment**

This meeting will be open to the public.

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Kim Hubbard, City Clerk



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MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
AUGUST 22, 2013
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Bret Reece

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kevin Wood	Member	Present	
Doug Meyer	Member	Present	
Stacey Dahlman	Member	Absent	
Marcia Milner	Alternate	Absent	
David Dickerson	Member	Present	
Bret Reece	Chair	Present	

Others Present: City Administrator Keith Moody, Police Chief John Hofer, Detective Thomas Shroyer, Alderman Morris Coburn and City Clerk Kim Hubbard

2. Approve Minutes

A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 20, 2013 6:00 PM - Accepted

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Dickerson, Member
SECONDER:	Kevin Wood, Member
AYES:	Kevin Wood, Doug Meyer, David Dickerson, Bret Reece
ABSENT:	Stacey Dahlman, Marcia Milner

3. Agenda Items

A. Special Need Signs "Children at Play" Policy - Recommended

Chief Hofer reviewed the proposed Special Needs "Deaf Child" Sign Policy and reported he and Street Superintendent have had discussions regarding the process of signs that were installed in the past.

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Chief Hofer also reviewed that there are occasionally citizen request for "Children at Play" signs and reviewed the reasons why the City does not install these signs.

Chief Hofer reported staff would attach door hangers throughout the neighborhoods that had "Deaf Child at Play" signs installed updating them on the new policy.

The proposed policy was recommended to move forward to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Wood, Member
SECONDER:	Doug Meyer, Member
AYES:	Kevin Wood, Doug Meyer, David Dickerson, Bret Reece
ABSENT:	Stacey Dahlman, Marcia Milner

B. Pre-Pay Gas Resolution Policy - Recommended

Chief Hofer reviewed the proposed resolution. Alderman Dickerson noted he has spoken with a couple of individuals who were not happy with the proposed policy. There was discussion regarding the time the police officers spend when a call is reported for a drive off. Chief Hofer shared that the majority of the time when the individual is found and brought back to the business the business does not press charges as long as the individual to pays for the gas.

The pre-pay gas policy was recommended to go before the Board of Aldermen for their approval with the stipulation of an effective date included in the resolution.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Doug Meyer, Member
SECONDER:	Kevin Wood, Member
AYES:	Kevin Wood, Doug Meyer, Bret Reece
NAYS:	David Dickerson
ABSENT:	Stacey Dahlman, Marcia Milner

C. Bath Salts Ordinance - Approved

Chief Hofer reviewed the proposed ordinance which was drafted by City Attorney Mauer and shared with the committee the effects that these synthetic drugs can have on individuals. Chief Hofer stated it was staff's recommendation for approval.

The proposed ordinance was recommended to go to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Wood, Member
SECONDER:	Doug Meyer, Member
AYES:	Kevin Wood, Doug Meyer, David Dickerson, Bret Reece
ABSENT:	Stacey Dahlman, Marcia Milner

D. Abandoned or Vacant Properties -

City Administrator Moody reported Alderman Meyer has asked what the City's options were regarding abandoned and vacant property. Mayor Wood shared that this has also been a topic with the MML Board of Directors.

There was discussion regarding the Utilities Department sharing information with landlords regarding tenants and whether their bills have been paid.

Mr. Walter Cook, 604 E Pearl Street brought up houses along East Pearl Street that have been abandoned.

No direction was given.

4. General Discussion

Chief Hofer informed the Committee that he would be bringing forth a policy which was being encouraged by the STEP Program, wanting communities to enforce seatbelt laws. This would mean that a vehicle could be stopped for the driver not wearing a seatbelt.

It was asked if there was a cell phone policy which was stated there was not.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at

Alderman Dickerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Wood seconded the motion and it was approved by those present. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Kevin Wood, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

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TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: September 18, 2013
SUBJECT: Twenty-Four Hour Parking 350.060

Type of Item: *Amendment*

In 2010 the definition of vehicle in chapter 342 was modified to include the word trailer. However, this ordinance (350.060) refers to a motor vehicle which has a separate definition that does not include a trailer.

I would recommend that the word motor be removed from this ordinance so that the ordinance reads as follows:

No vehicle shall be parked on any street, avenue, alley or in a municipally owned public grounds for a longer period than twenty-four (24) hours at one (1) location.

A. Action Item (ID # 1182)

Twenty-Four Hour Parking 350.060



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: September 18, 2013
SUBJECT: Primary Seatbelt Ordinance

Type of Item: *Amendment*

All of the traffic laws in the Revised Statutes of Missouri are primary laws, except the seat belt law. Being “primary” means that a police officer can stop the violator without having to observe any other violations first. If the light above your license plate is burned out, a police officer can stop you. If your license plate is expired, a police officer can stop you. But if you’re not wearing your seat belt, state law will not let an officer stop you solely to determine compliance with the seat belt law. A primary seat belt law allows officers to stop motorists who are not wearing a safety belt, without the need for additional law violations.

It is a long established statistical fact that seat belts save lives. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008 the use of seat belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 13,250 lives. An additional 4,152 lives would have been saved if all unrestrained passenger vehicle occupants ages 5 and older involved in fatal crashes had worn their seat belts.

The national average for seat belt use is 85%. The average in Missouri in 2010 was 76%. This is far below the national average and exposing far too many of our citizens to dangers that they could avoid by buckling up.

All of Missouri’s neighboring states (except Nebraska) have a primary seat belt law, which means that their police officers can stop motorists simply for not wearing a seat belt without any other reason necessary. Enacting primary laws typically increases usage by ten to twelve percentage points. Unfortunately, the state law in Missouri does not allow police officers to do this, and is therefore called a “secondary seat belt law”. However, several local governments have adopted seat belt ordinances which allow their police officers to stop motorists for seat belt violations, without the need for other traffic violations.

Local ordinances can be more restrictive than state law, but not less restrictive. As of April 18, 2011, there were twenty counties and municipalities with primary seat belt ordinances.

They are:

1. Ballwin
2. Brentwood

3. Calverton Park
4. Charlack
5. Chesterfield
6. Clarkson Valley
7. Creve Coeur
8. Edmundson
9. Herculaneum
10. Merriam Woods
11. New Melle
12. Nixa
13. St. John
14. St. Louis County (unincorporated area only)
15. Webster Groves
16. Weston
17. Willard
18. Willow Springs
19. Manchester
20. Hazelwood

As a community we want to continue to be proactive in law enforcement and look for your support of this proposed ordinance change. The minor change needed to Ordinance 380.160 subsection C is listed below.

DELETE - No person shall be stopped, inspected or detained solely to determine compliance with this Subsection.

Change to - *Any person may be stopped, inspected or detained solely to determine compliance with this subsection.*

As a department we would like to use the enforcement of this ordinance as an opportunity to educate the public on seatbelt usage rather than as a punishment or fine to the offender. An example of this educational material is attached.

B. Action Item (ID # 1181)

Primary Seatbelt Ordinance

Attachments:

Seat belt Doc (PDF)

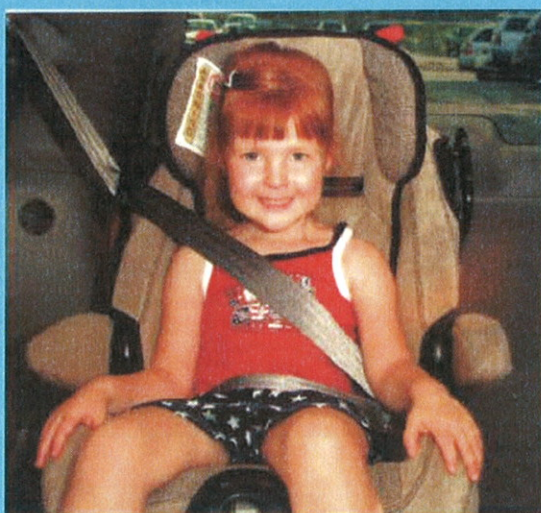
Missouri

Child Passenger Safety Law



Infant & Toddler

Children less than four years old **OR** less than 40 pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat.



Booster

Children ages four through seven who weigh at least 40 pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat **OR** booster seat **UNLESS** they are 80 pounds **OR** 4'9" tall

Attachment: Seat belt Doc (Primary Seatbelt Ordinance)

Motor-vehicle crashes kill more than 40,000 Americans and injure 2.7 million each year.

Approximately 70 percent of motor vehicle occupants fatally injured in Missouri traffic crashes were not wearing safety belts. Safety belts are considered the most important safety equipment in a motor vehicle, and using them correctly and on every trip is the most effective way to reduce injuries and fatalities in a crash.

Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates automobile occupants are 45 percent more likely to survive a crash if they are wearing their lap and shoulder belts correctly; pickup truck and light truck passengers are 60 percent more likely to survive a crash when buckled up correctly.

Properly worn seat belts and functioning air bags can reduce the risk of death in a vehicle crash 63 percent, according to a recent study led by Justin Cummins, an orthopedic surgeon at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.



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STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: September 18, 2013
SUBJECT: City Pet Tags and Microchips

Type of Item: *Amendment*

The City of Harrisonville Code of Ordinances specifically chapter 210 requires pet owners to license their pet annually. When the pet is licensed a pet tag with a specific number is issued to the pet owner. Nowhere in the ordinance is the pet owner required to affix the pet tag to the animal's collar. We would like to have City ordinance require that the animals tag be attached to the animal's collar. This would allow us quick identification to the owner and the successful return of the animal to its owner.

Some pets that have been released from the shelter have been later found abandon. Others, we have had numerous encounters with over a period of time but can't prove that it is the same animal. Placing a Microchip in each animal that comes through the shelter would greatly assist us in positively identifying each animal and allow for a quick return to its rightful owner. Currently, each animal adopted from our shelter currently receives a microchip.

The Microchip program is becoming more popular over time and not unique to Harrisonville. The microchip database stores owner information on each pet and is assessable by number for animals throughout the country. We currently offer the microchip program as an option to pet owners and the cost is \$25.00. If this became a requirement for all pet owners by ordinance the cost would remain the same. Included in the cost is the microchip, implant, and all data entry.

Both of the items requested above would help provide animal identification and give us additional resources in reuniting pets with their owners. It would also help save the City money by reducing the time that animals are cared for at the shelter.

C. Action Item (ID # 1179)

City Pet Tags and Microchips