



City of Nampa Business Item

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Lieutenant Don Peck
NUMBER: {{section.number}}-5
DATE: April 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Action Item: 1st reading of Ordinance amending Nampa City Code 9-1-9 pertaining to the penalty for residing on a public Right-of-Way. (Approved by Legal, Doug Waterman)

Background Summary:

The existing city code is insufficient for effective enforcement due to two key factors that require attention. Firstly, the current code does not include a comprehensive fine schedule, which hampers our ability to enforce regulations consistently. Secondly, there is a lack of a clear definition regarding what constitutes a right-of-way, which can lead to ambiguity in enforcement efforts. Addressing these issues is essential for ensuring the code's effectiveness and clarity.

Reason for Project:

This project is essential for enabling law enforcement officers to effectively enforce the city code and maintain the integrity of public spaces in Nampa. By providing officers with the necessary tools and guidelines, we can address the growing concern of individuals camping on the streets for extended periods.

The implementation of clear regulations and enforcement mechanisms will not only enhance the safety and accessibility of our streets but will also promote community well-being. Ensuring that public areas are free from prolonged encampments is vital for maintaining the quality of life for all residents and visitors.

Funding/Project Costs:

There are no costs to this

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that this amendment be approved. This proposal has been developed in collaboration with City Attorney Doug Waterman and has been reviewed by Nampa Prosecuting Attorney Chris Boyd. Their involvement ensures that the amendment adequately addresses the city's civil liability concerns while also aligning with the prosecutor's commitment to enforce the associated penalties and fines.

Attachments:

Proposed Amendment