



City of Santa Rosa

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Title:	REPORT - REPEAL CHAPTER 11-16 - CRUISING PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CORE AREA OF THE CITY FROM TITLE 11 - VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC				

BACKGROUND: On January 21, 1986, the City Council held a public hearing on cruising. Representatives from the Santa Rosa Police Department recommended that the City enact an anti-cruising ordinance, referencing concern that cruising was a source of undue traffic congestion which caused air and noise pollution, that cruising impeded the movement of emergency vehicles, and that cruising created an environment of fear and criminal activity against both persons and property. It was noted that the California Vehicle Code authorized such an ordinance and that other communities across California had implemented similar ordinances. On January 28, 1986, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 2519, adding Chapter 11-18 to the Santa Rosa City Code to prohibit cruising within the core area of the City. On August 2, 1988, the Santa Rosa City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2713, making minor changes to the code and renumbering it as Chapter 11-16.

In 2021, after a six-month long community engagement process, the Office of Community Engagement created the Community Empowerment Plan Listening Sessions Report. Included in the report were community feedback, input and recommendations that focused on systemic racism in Santa Rosa. The report concluded by stating that the City of Santa Rosa must address its role in the systemic racism that impacts our communities of color and address its own policies and practices that enable historical institutional racism. This included making changes that impact the structure and culture of the organization, adopting a variety of practices, policies and procedures that change how the City serves all of its residents.

Since then, City staff has implemented a variety of strategies and projects aimed at increasing diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging and improving relationships with all members of our community. This includes declaring racism as a public health and human rights crisis; developing and implementing a City Equity Plan; developing and implementing the inRESPONSE Mental Health Crisis Response Team; implementing the Multicultural Roots Project; and partnering with the Sonoma County Lowrider Council to create the Marylou Lowrider Patrol Car.

Upon completion and reveal of the Marylou Lowrider Patrol Car to the community, the Sonoma County Lowrider Council approached the City to discuss the repeal of City Council Ordinance No. 2713 Chapter 11-16 Traffic, also known as the Cruising Ordinance. During the October 25, 2022 Council meeting, former Vice Mayor Alvarez requested a future agenda item to discuss the ordinance and possible repeal of the City's cruising prohibition.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership that the Council introduce an ordinance to repeal Chapter 11-16 - Cruising Prohibited Within the Core Area of the City of Title 11 - Vehicle and Traffic Code of the Santa Rosa City Code.

Sponsors:

Indexes: Not a Project

Code sections: 15061(b)(3) - General Rule Exemption, 15378 - Not a Project

Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - Chapter 11-16 Redlined, 3. Ordinance, 4. Presentation

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