

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2025-020

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING CHAPTERS 11-08 AND 11-20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO UPDATE STAFF DELEGATIONS AND TITLES AND REMOVE REQUIREMENT OF COUNCIL APPROVAL TO INSTALL MIDBLOCK CROSSWALKS, ROAD UNDULATIONS AND OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 11-08 of the Santa Rosa City Code is amended to read as follows:
“Article I Duties and Responsibilities
11-08.010 City Traffic Engineer.

The function of the City Traffic Engineer shall be assigned by the City Manager to manage the City's traffic engineering activities, including supervision of traffic engineering studies, and the collection and maintenance of traffic movement data, and to provide responsible, professional and technical staff assistance. The City Traffic Engineer shall have a current license as a Professional Traffic Engineer in the State of California, and at least three years of professional experience.

In addition to any other duties and responsibilities imposed by this code or state law, the City Traffic Engineer shall be responsible for the following:

- (A) The designation, location and removal of no parking zones or red zones;
- (B) The designation, location and removal of stop signs and yield signs;
- (C) The designation, location and removal of school crossing guards;
- (D) Recommending to the City Council the designation, location and removal of maximum speed limits and speeds zones, through streets, commercial vehicle prohibitions, one-way streets, traffic signals, and permanent street closures;
- (E) The designation, location and removal of keep clear markings;
- (F) The designation, location and removal of on-street disabled persons parking zones or blue zones, in areas outside the downtown parking district;
- (G) The designation, location and removal of both commercial and passenger loading/unloading zones or yellow and white zones, in areas outside the downtown parking district;
- (H) The designation, location and removal of timed parking zones or green zones, in areas outside the downtown parking district;
- (I) The designation, location and removal of right turn on red signal indication prohibitions;
- (J) The prohibition of U-Turn movements;
- (K) The modification of traffic signals to maximize safety and efficiency.

11-08.020 Director of Transportation and Public Works.

In addition to any other duties and responsibilities imposed by this title and other provisions of this code or state law, the Director of Transportation and Public Works/City Engineer shall be responsible for the installation, maintenance and removal of authorized traffic control devices, signs, marking and the discharge of related duties. The Director shall also be responsible for hearing appeals from decisions by the City Traffic Engineer made under Section 11-08.010.

11-08.030 Police Chief.

(A) The Police Chief shall be responsible for enforcement of traffic regulations, investigation of traffic accidents, and other duties imposed by this title, other traffic ordinances or state law.

(B) The Police Chief shall be responsible for enforcement of the California Vehicle Code and any provisions of this code pertaining to the removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles on private or public property.

(C) The decision of the Vehicle Abatement Officer, following the hearing authorized under Section 11-36.110, shall be final and without appeal regarding abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof on private or public property.

11-08.040 [Reserved]

11-08.050 [Reserved]

11-08.060 City Parking Manager.

The City Parking Manager function shall be assigned by the Chief Financial Officer to manage the City's downtown parking activities, including parking meter installation and maintenance, parking enforcement of timed parking zones and garages in addition to designation of permit parking zones.

In addition to any other duties and responsibilities imposed by this code or state law, the City Parking Manager shall be responsible for the following:

- (A) Recommending to the City Council designated residential parking permit areas;
- (B) The designation, location and removal of no stopping, or red curb zones, within the downtown parking district;
- (C) The designation, location and removal of on-street disabled persons parking zones or blue zones, within the downtown parking district;
- (D) The designation, location and removal of both commercial and passenger loading/unloading zones or yellow and white zones, within the downtown parking district;
- (E) The designation, location and removal of timed parking zones or green zones, within the downtown parking district.

Article II Appeals and Other Procedures

11-08.070 Procedures on appeal from City Traffic Engineer decisions.

(A) An appeal from a decision, finding or order of the City Traffic Engineer made under Section 11-08.010 must be filed in the office of the Director of Transportation and Public Works/City Engineer within ten (10) business days of the City Traffic Engineer's decision.

The notice of appeal need not be on any special form; however, it shall be in writing and shall provide notice of the appellants' intent to appeal the decision and specify the reason for the appeal.

(B) When the written notice of appeal is received by the office of the Director of Transportation and Public Works/City Engineer, the Director shall notify the appellant of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing."

Section 2. Chapter 11-20.160 of the Santa Rosa City Code is amended to read as follows:

"11-20.160 Temporary parking restrictions.

Whenever the City Parking Manager determines that traffic congestion may result from public or private events or activities, the City Parking Manager (or designee) may place signs restricting or prohibiting the operation, parking, or standing of vehicles on such streets and alleys."

Section 3. Chapter 11-20.180 of the Santa Rosa City Code is amended to read as follows:

"11-20.180 Parking on bridges.

No person shall park any vehicle or cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in that person's name or controlled by that person to be parked on any bridge unless the bridge is specifically signed to allow parking. Pursuant to Section **22500(k)** of the California Vehicle Code, the City Traffic Engineer shall be responsible for the designation and signing of areas where parking on bridges is allowed. The provisions of this section shall be effective when authorized signs are in place giving notice of the specific hours or conditions under which parking is allowed."

Section 4. Environmental Determination. The Council finds that the adoption and implementation of this ordinance are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under section 15061(b)3 in that the Council finds there is no possibility that the implementation of this ordinance may have significant effects on the environment.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following its adoption.

This ordinance was introduced by the Council of the City of Santa Rosa on December 2, 2025.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2025.

AYES: (7) Mayor Stapp, Vice Mayor Okrepkie, Council Members Alvarez, Bañuelos, Fleming, MacDonald, Rogers

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney