



Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

Re: Amendment to Chapter 14 Relating to Parking Tickets and Towing

## Executive Summary

Staff is proposing amendments to Sections 14-306, 14-307, and 14-312 of the City Code to make them compatible with recent changes imposed by the Missouri Supreme Court relating to the administration of parking tickets.

## Discussion

Amendments to Missouri Supreme Court Rules require that all parking tickets must be issued with a court date and time. The City Code allows for a person receiving a citation to contest their citation; however, the current language does not restrict the timeframe for when this is to be done. Citations issued for parking violations will have a court date approximately thirty (30) days from the date the citations are issued. The proposed amendment to Sec. 14-306 of the City Code will establish the timeframe in which a person may contest a parking ticket with the prosecutor, and still allow time for the person to decide if they wish to pay the citation out of court or appear before the judge.

The proposed amendments to Secs. 14-307 and 14-312 of the City Code clarify when a vehicle is eligible for towing due to outstanding parking tickets.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Operational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
	None

## Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends the City Council approve the amendments to Chapter 14 so that the language is compatible with changes to Missouri Supreme Court Rules.