

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

This item was previously discussed at Joint URA/Council Worksession on 8/8/2017

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
August 15, 2017	4.

TO: Mayor Benetti and City Councilors

FROM: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

THROUGH:

ISSUE: Approval of Amending Ordinance No. 114 Controlling Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic - Approval Would Require Enactment of the Proposed Draft Ordinance

SUMMARY:

Upon review of Chapter 10.05 of the Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC), it was learned that regulations regarding a "Pedestrian Mall" remained a part of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance. The pedestrian mall was removed over 20 years ago; and as such, staff is proposing to amend the ordinance by deleting both the definition and regulations involving the pedestrian mall.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends enactment of the attached proposed ordinance amending Ordinance 114.

BACKGROUND:

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, Central Avenue was closed off to be a vehicular traffic. A number of canopies were constructed over the sidewalks on both sides of the street on Central Avenue (as well as some other streets) from Bayshore Avenue to 4th Street, and across the intersections of Central Avenue & Broadway Avenue, Central Avenue & 2nd Street and Central Avenue & 3rd Street. Like a number of other cities throughout the United States, Coos Bay built the structures in an effort to create an outdoor "mall like" atmosphere in an effort to combat the shopping malls which were popping up around the country and drawing many businesses away from the downtown business districts. This area became know as the "Pedestrian Mall" and regulations in regarding the use of vehicles (automobiles, skateboards, roller skates) in the pedestrian mall were established in Ordinance 114.

In the early to mid-1990's, nearly all of the canopies were removed and Central Avenue was reopened to be a vehicular traffic. While the pedestrian mall ceased to exists more than 20 years ago, the references to and regulations involving the pedestrian mall have not been

removed from the Coos Bay Municipal Code.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Amending Ordinance 114

ORDINANCE NO. ***

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 114, AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 174.

The City of Coos Bay ordains as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance 114, as formerly amended by Ordinance 174 to be further amended by deleting the definition and regulations related to the "pedestrian mall" to include: (1) definition in section 2; (2) prohibiting skateboards, skates and similar devices in the pedestrian mall in section 14 (2); and (3) prohibiting vehicles in the pedestrian mall in section 19.

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after enactment by the Council and signature of the Mayor.

The foregoing ordinance was enacted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay this _____ day of August 2017

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Joe Benetti
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Susanne Baker
City Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon