

Council Meeting Staff Report

January 24, 2023

Agenda No.:	B.
Indexes (Council Goals):	* 2022 Council Goal - N/A
Presenters:	Steven Lynne
Legislative File:	CO0665-23

Title

Introduction of Code Ordinance 02-338 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article II, Division 3, Section 38-92; Article VI, Section 38-351; Article VII, Sections 38-411 and 38-415, and Adding a New Section 39-292.1 to Article V and New Section 38-416 to Article VII

Recommended Action

I introduce, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-338 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article II, Division 3, Section 38-92; Article VI, Section 38-351; Article VII, Sections 38-411 and 38-415, and Adding a New Section 39-292 to Article V and New Section 38-416 to Article VII and ask the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council introduce this Code Ordinance.

Body

Recently the New Mexico Legislature passed and the Governor signed legislation addressing penalty assessment provisions for certain traffic and vehicles, driving while intoxicated with minors in vehicle, blocking curb cuts and parking spaces designed for persons with significant mobility issues, doing away with a mandatory minimum of four days of incarceration for driving on a suspended or revoked license where the revocation or suspension did not result a conviction for driving under the influence conviction, and distinguishing administrative license suspensions from general license suspensions. Los Alamos County desires to adopt similar amendments to bring the County ordinances governing traffic and vehicles into conformity with recently adopted state law. Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos governs Traffic and Vehicles. This Code Ordinance (No. 02-338) proposes the necessary revisions to bring the Chapter 38 into conformity with this recently adopted state law. The purpose of this amendment is to encourage traffic safety and promote uniformity of traffic laws.

Public Hearing Scheduled for: February 28, 2023

Alternatives

Council could not introduce this code ordinance but Chapter 38 would not conform to recently adopted state law.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

There is minimal fiscal and staff impact due to this code ordinance.

Attachments

A - Code Ordinance No. 02-338_Traffic Code