COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 18-1576A, Version: 1

Subject:

Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122-Traffic and Vehicles, by revising Sections 122-32 and 122-35, repealing references to backing into parking spaces.

Recommended Action:

Ordinance of the Pinellas County Code, amending Chapter 122 - Traffic and Vehicles by revising Sections 122-32 and 122-35 repealing references to backing into parking spaces.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers
5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This ordinance revision will provide for the removal of the prohibition for backing into parking spaces.

Background Information:

The Board of County Commissioners approved authority to advertise this public hearing on September 13, 2018.

The Board prohibited backing into parking spaces in 1986 to further public safety and orderly traffic flow. This prohibition applies to unincorporated County. Recent enforcement activities highlighted the need to review this ordinance in more detail, as several recent parking fines resulting from this issue were dismissed.

County staff has determined that backing into parking spaces will not compromise public safety or orderly traffic flow and recommends the repeal of the exclusion.

The Pinellas County Sheriff has also advised that there is no essential law enforcement purpose to prohibiting cars being backed into parking spaces and has no objection to the ordinance being rescinded.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Rahim Harji, Assistant County Administrator

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

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