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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AMENDED

June 9, 2025

5:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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*****Note: This agenda has been amended to change the topic of item 2*****

Meeting of June 9, 2025;

Her Honor Mayor Kaarin Knudson Presiding

Councilors

Greg Evans, President
Alan Zelenka
Randy Groves
Matt Keating

Lyndsie Leech, Vice President
Jennifer Yeh
Mike Clark
Eliza Kashinsky

5:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)

2. WORK SESSION: Vehicle Repair Program

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Vehicle Repair Program

Meeting Date: June 9, 2025
Department: Planning and Development
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 2
Staff Contact: Jeff Petry
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ISSUE STATEMENT

At the April 17, 2024, work session, Council provided direction to schedule this work session for discussion of potential revisions to the adopted Chapter 5 parking related ordinances to address repeat parking violators and to develop a proposal for a program that provides resources in addition to, or in lieu of, parking citations to individuals living in their vehicles, including but not limited to vehicle repair.

BACKGROUND

At the April 17, 2024, work session, City Council amended Eugene City Traffic Code to address public safety, sanitation, access, business operations, livability and community perception as most of the public concern centers on recurring experiences with unintended uses of public spaces, and accumulated debris. The amendments adopted by the Council through Ordinance No. 20706 and are generally described as follows:

1. *Amend Eugene Code (EC) [5.265](#) (Parking Time Limit) to address same-day returns to block. The code had allowed a vehicle to park in a two-hour signed, on-street parking space then move at least two blocks away, at which point the vehicle can immediately return to the same parking space.*

This code amendment addressed parking behaviors in areas that are posted with time-limited parking signs (e.g. two-hour residential zones). Nearly all the City's time-limited parking signs are located in the neighborhoods around the downtown and campus areas, with a few streets near Sheldon High School and west Eugene business areas. There was ambiguity to enforce the time-limit violation, and the City had lost Municipal Court appeals for this violation. The code amendment clarified the code and parking actions for the parking customer by requiring the vehicle to move at least two blocks from the original parking location after parking for the posted time. Once moved, the vehicle may not park on the original block at any time prior to 12:00 a.m. the following day. This code amendment has reduced confusion for the parking customers and appeals for this violation.

2. *Amend the code to allow for a vehicle to be impounded after a third violation of [5.225\(3\)\(e\)](#) within a 90-day period. Eugene Code (EC) 5.225(3)(e) prohibits motorbus, motor truck,*

recreational vehicle, or trailer with Public Utility Commission (PUC) license from parking on either side of the street in front of or adjacent to a residence, motel, apartment house, hotel or other place with sleeping accommodations between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

This code amendment provided a stronger incentive for the specified larger sized vehicles to not park overnight in places of sleeping accommodations as it authorizes the impoundment of a vehicle after its third violation that is within a 90-day period. The City has received less complaints about larger vehicles since the code amendment was adopted.

3. *Amend the code to add to [EC 5.225](#) the vehicle discharge violation found in EC 4.860(g), which would enable Neighborhood Service and Parking Services Officers to address these discharging vehicles and to remediate the situation.*

In June 2023, the City Council added this proposed provision to EC 4.860 (Certain Activities on Streets, Sidewalks, Accessways, and Shared-Use Paths). Since only police officers can enforce EC 4.860, the code amendment added an identical provision to Chapter 5, allowing parking control officers to address parked vehicle drainage of sewage, graywater, and other vehicle fluids. The City has received less complaints about vehicle discharge since the code amendment was adopted.

Vehicle Repair Program

At the April 17, 2024, work session, the Council directed the City Manager to develop “a proposal for a program that provides resources in addition to, or in lieu of, parking citations to individuals living in their vehicles, including but not limited to vehicle repair.” There are various vehicle repair programs across the country but programs focusing on recreational vehicles (RVs) specifically exist in limited quantity (see attachment A). Almost all are administered by entities other than city governments, mostly non-profits. The programs require set up time, administration, and working with repair shops to outline what items are eligible for repair. Additionally, one common requirement across the programs is that the person requesting vehicle repair must own the vehicle and have valid vehicle insurance.

Vehicle ownership is important through the adjudication process too. The City issues citations for expired registrations and impounding vehicles for storing on the street, expired registration, unpaid parking fines, and/or improper parking. While the Municipal Court has several programs for contesting a citation or impoundment, the driver of the vehicle must show ownership of the vehicle to qualify for the reduced parking fine (i.e. Fix-It-Ticket program) or impoundment validity hearing. In the case of a vehicle impoundment, individuals are required to show proof of ownership to remove the vehicle from impoundment and retrieve belongings from the vehicle. However, a vehicle owner is not required to have up-to-date registration/license plates and vehicle insurance to retrieve a vehicle from impoundment.

The City impounds more vehicles for expired registration than vehicles needing repaired. Once impounded, if a driver is not able to provide proof of ownership of the vehicle, then they are not

able to retrieve their vehicle nor their belongings in the vehicle. A program for Council to consider that addresses the proof of ownership challenges and insurance is a “vehicle navigator” pilot program. Under the pilot program, the City would contract with a local entity to help individuals navigate the DMV and insurance systems to obtain proof of ownership of a vehicle and to legally operate the vehicle on public streets. Staff estimate that a one-year pilot program would cost \$35,000. The contractor would provide 20 hours of service per week and sit in the provider room at Eugene Municipal Court and other local service provider locations. At the end of the pilot, the program’s success can be measured by the number of vehicles that obtained ownership and insurance as well as reductions in issued citations for vehicles in the program.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

City of Eugene [Strategic Plan 2023-2026](#) – The proposed update aligns with the following areas of the City’s strategic plan:

Urgent Community Needs

- Increase sense of safety.
- Mitigate the impacts of homelessness on unhoused individuals and the community.
- Increase the vibrancy, economic vitality, and livability of downtown.
- Improve support for local businesses and the business environment.

[2035 Transportation System Plan](#)

- Roadway and Parking Policies
 - (6) Continually optimize the efficiency of the transportation system through Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements, connectivity improvements, multimodal improvements, parking management and supply, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies, in combination with the projects identified in this Transportation System Plan (TSP).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

[April 26, 2021 Work Session](#)

Staff presented a plan to address vehicle camping in commercial/industrial and proposed code amendments for parking and storage of vehicles on streets.

[June 21, 2021 City Council Meeting](#)

The City Council approved an ordinance that amended City code regarding parking and storage of vehicles on streets.

Passed 7:1 (Opposed by Councilor Keating)

[November 8, 2023 Work Session](#)

Direct the city manager to prepare an ordinance and schedule a public hearing to amend Chapter 5 of the Eugene Code to address repeat parking violations.

Motion Passed 8:0

February 20, 2024 Public Hearing

One person testified in support of the proposed ordinance.

March 11, 2024 Meeting

The City Council directed the City Manager to schedule a work session for Council discussion of, and potential revisions to, the proposed ordinance.

Passed 7:1 (Opposed by Councilor Clark)

April 17, 2024 Work Session

Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Keating moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a work session on: (1) further discussion of the proposed persistent parking violator code amendments; and (2) a proposal for a program that provides resources in addition to, or in lieu of, parking citations to individuals living in their vehicles, including but not limited to vehicle repair.

Passed 8:0

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Direct the City Manager to establish a one-year pilot program for Vehicle Ownership Navigation Services.
2. Direct the City Manager to bring back additional options for a vehicle navigator/vehicle repair program
3. Take no action.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

If Council is interested in pursuing a Vehicle Ownership Navigation Services program, the City Manager recommends establishing a one-year pilot program.

SUGGESTED MOTION

If Council is interested in establishing a pilot program for Vehicle Ownership Navigation Services, the following motion is proposed:

Move to direct the City Manager to establish a one-year a pilot program for Vehicle Ownership Navigation Services.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Vehicle Repair Programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Vehicle Repair Programs

Location	Program Name	Budget	Description	Requirements
Oregon	Car Care Voucher Program	n/a	The State of Oregon manages the Car Care Program to assist motorists stopped by a law enforcement officer for minor motor vehicle equipment violations. Motorists may receive a car care voucher to receive a discount on vehicle parts.	n/a
Eugene, Oregon	Hope on Wheels Project by Carry it Forward (501c3)	\$937,000 (2022) (nonprofit budget)	Carry it Forward is a nonprofit operating in Eugene that runs the Hope on Wheels Project to restore donated and purchased used RVs to provide housing for families across Lane County. Over 60 RVs have been given to Lane County residents in need.	n/a
Columbus, OH	Project Taillight	\$500,000 (2024)	Project Taillight in Columbus, Ohio aims to improve public safety by providing free auto repairs for low-income individuals. The program covers repairs that could cause drivers to be pulled over for unsafe vehicles.	Vehicle ownership (car title), registration, insurance. Driver's license. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car must be 7 years or older • Must own the car (no payments or title loans) • Household income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
Arizona	Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program (VVRP)	\$2.9 million (2025)	The Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program (VVRP) provides financial assistance for vehicles needing repair after a failed emissions test and pays up to \$900 per vehicle.	Vehicle ownership (car title), registration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle is not a motor home • Vehicle must have failed an emissions test
Los Angeles, CA	Council District 7 RV to Home Program	\$5 million grant (2024)	Council District 7 in Los Angeles, California runs a RV-to-Home program that guarantees housing first through providing incentives for service providers conducting outreach at RV encampments.	n/a
Hennepin County, MN	Vehicle Repair Assistance Program	\$75,000 (2023)	The Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County oversees a Vehicle Repair Assistance Program to help residents maintain a safe and reliable way to get to work. The maximum grant amount is determined based on grant eligibility requirements.	Vehicle ownership (car title), insurance. Minnesota driver's license, Social Security card. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed or looking for employment • Car is less than 20 years old • Household income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
Ohio	Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	The Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Program in Ohio offers auto repair services for low-income families with urgent needs. Each county has their own plan of action containing different eligibility guidelines for auto repair financial assistance.	n/a
Hocking, Athens, Perry, OH	HAPCAP Vehicle Repair Program	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	The Hocking Athens Perry Community Action assists low-income individuals who are employed or enrolled in career training through a Vehicle Repair Program. Residents of Hocking, Athens, and Perry counties may be eligible for up to \$2500 of vehicle repairs.	Vehicle title, Insurance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle is primary source of transportation for employment or active job seeking • Household income that is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level