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10.04 General Provisions					
1	10.04.020	Purpose – Policy.	Administrative	Language revision	To replace references to WA Highway License Act and WA Motor Vehicle Act with RCW chapters.
2	10.04.040	Application to nonresidents.	Substantive	Remove section.	Code should apply to anyone using the streets and providing a section for applicability to nonresidents may bring confusion.
3	10.04.050	Application to bicycle riding, animal drawn vehicles.	Operational	Language revision	Updating language to remove 'animal drawn vehicles' (no longer need to regulate 'animal drawn vehicles' on public streets), to include micromobility devices, and use common terms to make section easier to understand.
4	10.04.060	Exemptions.	Administrative	Language revision	Use common terms to make section easier to understand.
10.08 Definitions					
5	10.08.030	Central business or traffic district.	Substantive	Change section name to "Bollard".	Per Planning, 'Central business or traffic district' no longer in use. Code section will be used for definition of 'Bollard'.
6	10.08.060	Driver.	Operational	Change section name to "Highway."	"Driver" definition moved to section 10.08.080 as "Operator". Section will be used to add definition of "Highway".

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7	10.08.070	Freight curb loading zone.	Substantive	Change section name to "Official time standard".	Combining "freight curb loading zone" definition with 0.05.050 (Curb loading zone). Move definition of "Official time standard" to this section.
8	10.08.080	Official time standard.	Operational	Change section name to "Operator."	"Official time standard" definition moved to section 10.08.070. "Driver" definition changed to "Operator" to apply to all vehicles, to remove 'leader of an animal' and provide more detail about the vehicles.
9	10.08.100	Passenger curb loading zone.	Substantive	Change section name to "Right-of-way".	Combining "Passenger curb loading zone" definition with 10.05.050 (Curb loading zone). Move definition of "Right-of-way" to this section.
10	10.08.120	Right-of-way	Administrative	Change section name to "Roundabout".	Definition of "Right-of-way" moved to section 10.08.100. Code section will be used for definition of "Roundabout".
11	10.08.150	Traffic division.	Substantive	Change section name to "U turn".	'Traffic division' is only referred to once in 10.62.060 where it's clearly designated as "Police – Traffic Division". "U turn" definition moved to this section.
12	10.08.160	U turn	Administrative	Change section name to "Vehicle".	"U turn" definition moved to section 10.08.150. Section used for definition of "Vehicle".

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13	10.08.170	Ways open to the public.	Administrative	Language revision	Updating language to include micromobility devices and use common terms to make section easier to understand.
10.10 Model Traffic Ordinance					
14	10.10.010	Model Traffic Ordinance.	Administrative	Language revision	To include MUTCD as recognized guidance for Model Traffic Ordinance.
15	10.10.040	Definition of highway.	Substantive	Remove section.	To include under 10.08 - Definitions as 'Streets'.
10.12 Enforcement					
16	10.12.020	Conformance to title.	Substantive	Language revision	To refer to RCW 46.63.110 for any penalties with monetary value. RCW does not publish penalty schedule for traffic infractions but notes the "Rules of court: Monetary penalty schedule - IRLJ 6.2".
10.16 City Traffic Engineer					
17	10.16.010	Office created – Appointment – Powers.	Administrative Operational	Language revision	Title change to "Appointment and Powers" of City Traffic Engineer instead of an "office" as no further mention of "Office" is used throughout the document. To remove term 'he' , add 'licensed engineer'.
18	10.16.020	Duties.	Substantive	Language revision	To incorporate duties to be consistent with WAC.
10.20 Traffic Control Devices and Signals					

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19	10.20.010	Authority to install.	Administrative	Language revision	To remove term 'he', use 'City Traffic Engineer' consistently throughout document, and refer to RMC 10.16.020 for authority.
20	10.20.020	Design for traffic control devices.	Operational	Language revision	To include MUTCD, WSDOT Design Manual, and City Standard specifications and details as references to follow.
21	10.20.030	Effect of absence of signs and signals.	Administrative	Language revision	Provide more clarification in language used to make section easier to understand.
22	10.20.040	Display of unauthorized signs prohibited.	Administrative	Simplified language	Existing section copies RCW 46.61.075. Language revised with same content in a single paragraph to make it easier to understand.
23	10.20.050	Interference prohibited.	Operational	Language revision	To refer to RCW 46.63.110 for any violation penalties.
24	10.20.060	Authority to establish play streets.	Substantive Operational	Remove section. Code name change.	City no longer establishes 'play streets'. Section will be used for 'Bollards'.
25	10.20.070	Regulations for play streets.	Substantive Operational	Remove section	City no longer establishes 'play streets'.
26	10.20.080	Crosswalks – Safety zones.	Substantive	Remove section	Crosswalks are commonly known nowadays and are included in the duties of the City Traffic Engineer (RMC 10.16.020).
27	10.20.090	Traffic lanes.	Substantive	Remove section	This is listed in the City Traffic Engineer duties (RMC 10.16.020).

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10.24 Speed Regulations					
28	10.24.010	State speed laws applicable – Exceptions.	Administrative Operational	Language revision	Use common terms to make section easier to understand and refer to RCW 46.61.400 since Police uses RCW for enforcement.
29	10.24.020	Decreasing state speed limit at intersections.	Substantive	Changing section name to 'Establishing and modifying speed limits'	Consolidating sections 10.24.020-10.24.040 due to redundant language among the sections and defined process. City Traffic Engineer propose speed limits for City Council approval.
30	10.24.030	Increasing state speed limit.	Substantive	Remove section	Consolidating sections 10.24.020-10.24.040 due to redundant language.
31	10.24.040	Decreasing state speed limit.	Substantive	Remove section	Consolidating sections 10.24.020-10.24.040 due to redundant language.
32	10.24.045	Temporary closure or restriction authorized.	Administrative	Changing section name to 'Temporary closure or speed reduction authorized' and language revision	Removal of the word 'restriction' to avoid confusion. Substituting 'highways/roadways' to 'streets' to be consistent throughout City documents. 'Highways' will be used for state highways. List special events as one of the conditions for closure.
33	10.24.047	Procedure for temporary closure or restriction.	Administrative	Language revision	Use common terms to make section easier to understand and removal of the word 'restriction' to avoid confusion. Substituting 'highways/roadways' to 'streets' to be consistent throughout City documents.

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34	10.24.050	Posting speed limits.	Substantive	Remove section	Consolidated 10.24.050 and 10.24.055 under 10.24.020. Both are duties of the City Traffic Engineer.
35	10.24.055	Advisory speed limits.	Substantive	Remove section	Consolidated 10.24.050 and 10.24.055 under 10.24.020. Both are duties of the City Traffic Engineer.
36	10.24.065	School zones.	Administrative	Added rows for NE 122nd Street and 172 Avenue NE	To incorporate Clara Barton Elementary school zones.
37	10.24.070	Traffic signal timing.	Substantive	Remove section	Authorizing signal timings if described in City Traffic Engineer duties (RMC 10.16.020).
10.28 Turning Movements					
38	10.28.010	Authority to place – Compliance, markers.	Substantive	Remove section	Part A covered in City Traffic Engineer duties (RMC 10.16.020) and Part B relates to Enforcement. A reference to RCW 46.63.060 has been added to RMC 10.12.020.
39	10.28.020	Restricted turn signs – Authority to place.	Administrative	Language revision	Use common terms to make section easier to understand.
10.32 One-Way Streets and Alleys					
40	10.32.010	Signs.	Operational	Language revision	Defined process for City Traffic Engineer proposes one-way street for City Council approval.

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41	10.32.020	Driving regulations.	Administrative	Language revision	Substituting 'rotary traffic island' with ' modern roundabout' for a modern term and to use common terms to make section easier to understand
42	10.32.030	Restricted movement on streets during certain periods.	Substantive	Remove section	RMC 10.32.010 includes it in permanent basis and RMC 12.08 covers in short-term basis.
43	10.32.040	Schedule.	Substantive	Remove section	RMC 10.32 describing the authority to designate and duty to install signs is sufficient. Schedule not necessary.
10.36 Special Stops					
44	10.36.020	Arterial highways designated.	Substantive	Remove section	Street network documented in the TMP.
45	10.36.030	Stop signs on arterials.	Administrative	Changing section name to 'Stop signs on streets' and language revision	To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand and consistent use of 'streets'.
46	10.36.040	Other intersections where stop required.	Substantive	Remove section	No clarity on what 'other intersections' are and duty/authority described in RMC 10.16.020.
47	10.36.050	Design of stop signs.	Substantive	Remove section	Included in RMC 10.20.020.
10.40 Driving Rules					

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48	10.40.030	Driving through funeral or other procession.	Administrative	Language revision	To consolidate with 10.40.040 and 10.40.050.
49	10.40.040	Operators in a procession.	Substantive	Remove section	Not applicable to modern times, encourages passing vehicles, a and consolidating with 10.40.030.
50	10.40.050	Funeral processions to be identified.	Substantive	Remove section	Not applicable to modern times and consolidating with 10.40.030.
51	10.40.080	Clinging to moving vehicles.	Administrative	Term substitution	Skateboard' may be more commonly understood and removing the use of 'him'. Clarification for bicycles and micromobility devices.
52	10.40.090	Boarding or alighting from vehicles.	Administrative	Term substitution	To replace 'alight' with 'disembark' consistently throughout RMC Title 10.
53	10.40.100	Unlawful riding.	Administrative	Language revision	To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand.
54	10.40.105	Inattentive driving.	Administrative	Changing section name to 'Inattention'	To remove term 'driver' and use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand.
55	10.40.110	Railroad trains not to block streets.	Administrative	Language revision	To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand.

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56	10.40.120	Alcoholic beverages in vehicles.	Administrative	Language revision	Substituting 'highways/roadways' to 'streets' to be consistent throughout City documents. 'Highways' will be used for state highways. Removing the use of 'his' and to use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand. Delete monetary value and refer to RCW 46.63.110 for amounts/penalties related to traffic infractions.
57	10.40.140	Penalties.	Administrative	Language revision	Delete monetary value and refer to RCW 46.63.110 for amounts/penalties related to traffic infractions.
10.44 Pedestrians					
58	10.44.010	Using right-half of crosswalk.	Substantive	Remove section	Outdated and not enforceable.
59	10.44.040	Drivers to exercise due care.	Substantive	Change section name to 'Vehicle operators to exercise due care' and deleting text ' and Language Revision	Special precautions should be given to all pedestrians. No need to call out specific groups. Substitution of 'drivers' to 'operators' and shall exercise special precaution...
10.48 Bicycles					
60	10.48.020	Obedience to traffic control devices.	Administrative	Language revision	Clarification for bicycles.

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61	10.48.040	Riding on sidewalk.	Administrative	Language revision	Substituting 'City center zone' with 'Downtown Zone' per Comp Plan. Substituting 'highways/roadways' to 'streets' to be consistent throughout City documents. To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand. Clarification for bicycles and micromobility devices. Limit speeds on sidewalks to 5 mph.
10.52 Stopping, Standing, Parking					
62	10.52.040	Loading, unloading at angle to curb – Permit required.	Substantive	Remove section	This is handled through a ROW use permits.
63	10.52.050	Curb loading zones designated.	Substantive	Language revision	Add 'City' prior to 'Traffic Engineer'. Substituting 'highways/roadways' to 'streets' to be consistent throughout City documents. 'Highways' will be used for state highways. Consolidating with 10.52.060 and 10.52.070.
64	10.52.060	Standing vehicle in passenger curb loading zone.	Substantive	Remove section	To consolidate with 10.52.050. Language applies to both passenger and freight modes.
65	10.52.070	Standing vehicle in freight curb loading zone.	Substantive	Remove section	To consolidate with 10.52.050.

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66	10.52.080	Designation of public carrier stands.	Administrative	Change section name to 'Designation of bus stops, areas for hire vehicles, or other motor vehicles on public streets' and language revision	To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand. Add 'City' before Traffic Engineer for consistency.
67	10.52.110	All day parking	Operational	Language revision	Street parking limit restriction raised to 72 hours to allow longer periods on residential areas.
68	10.52.135	Authority to establish parking regulations.	Administrative	Language revision	Add 'City' before Traffic Engineer for consistency. Clarifying regulations established 'upon signs/markings' instead of 'by the Traffic Engineer'. Updating item D to provide more general language while outlining authorities. Refer to RCW 46.63.110 for amounts/penalties related to traffic infractions.
69	10.52.210	Parking restricted.	Administrative	Term removal	Remove 'SR 901' - no longer a designated state route.
70	10.52.215	Leaving unattended children in parked or standing vehicles.	Operational	Change section name to 'Leaving unattended children and pets in parked or standing vehicles' and language revision	To include pets and age restrictions consistent with RCW.
10.56 Restricting Traffic on Certain Streets					

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71	10.56.010	Certain vehicles on streets restricted.	Administrative	Language revision	Add 'City' before Traffic Engineer for consistency. To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand. Removing term 'horsedrawn vehicle'. Defined process for City Traffic Engineer to propose for City Council approval. Clarification for bicycles and micromobility devices.
10.62 Permits for Special Events					
72	10.62.090	Application and processing of permits and post event evaluation	Operational	Language revision	To include traffic control plans and their approval authority in the procedures.
73	10.62.100	Conditions affecting the decision and issuance of a special event permit.	Operational	Language revision	To include traffic control plan approval in the criteria and refer to 10.24.047 for disruptions/closures.
74	10.62.140	Expressive activity special event.	Administrative	Language revision	A.2 - For clarity and removal of 'he or she' terms. A.4.c - Referring to TMP for designation of arterials. A.4.d - Including Fire and substituting term 'employees' by 'personnel'.
75	10.62.150	Hold harmless.	Administrative	Language revision	To specify code officers (fire, building, zoning and life and safety)
10.76 Truck Routes and Truck Traffic					

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76	10.76.020	Restrictions.	Administrative	Language revision	To refer to the TMP for authorized truck routes.
77	10.76.030	Authorized routes.	Substantive	Language revision	Removal of truck route listing to refer to the TMP and adding 'City' before 'Traffic Engineer'.
78	10.76.040	Truck route signs to be posted.	Substantive Operational	Remove section	The City no longer install signs to identify truck routes.
79	10.76.050	Unlawful acts.	Administrative	Language revision	To refer to the TMP for authorized truck routes.
80	10.76.060	Penalties for violation.	Administrative	Language revision	Delete monetary value and refer to RCW 46.63.110 for amounts/penalties related to traffic infractions.