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SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES					
S1	10.04.050	Application to bicycle riding, animal drawn vehicles.	Substantive	Language revision	To remove 'animal drawn vehicles' (no need to regulate), include micromobility devices, incorporate RCW.46.190 language for bicycles exception when approaching stop signs, and speeds on shared paths and bike lanes.
S2	10.16.020	Duties.	Substantive	Language revision	To incorporate duties to be consistent with WAC.
S3	10.20.060	Authority to establish play streets.	Substantive	Remove section. Code name change.	City no longer establishes 'play streets'. Section will be used for 'Bollards'.
S4	10.20.070	Regulations for play streets.	Substantive	Remove section	City no longer establishes 'play streets'.
S5	10.20.070	Regulations for play streets.	Substantive	Remove section	City no longer establishes 'play streets'.
S6	10.34	Shared streets.	Substantive	New section.	To incorporate new section on 'shared streets' in accordance to Senate Bill 5595.
S7	10.34.010	Signs.	Substantive	New section.	To incorporate language from Senate Bill 5595 for the designation of shared streets.
S8	10.34.020	Driving regulations.	Substantive	New section.	To incorporate language from Senate Bill 5595 for the designation of shared streets.
S9	10.44.010	Using right-half of crosswalk.	Substantive	Remove section	Outdated and not enforceable.

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S10	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'.
S11	10.48.040	Riding on sidewalk.	Substantive	Language revision	Substituting 'City center zone' with 'Pedestrian Priority Zone' per Comp Plan. Consistent use of 'streets' throughout City documents. Clarification for bicycles and micromobility devices. Limit speeds on sidewalks to 5 mph. Changing Director of Public Works to City Traffic Engineer for authority to install.
S12	10.52.110	All day parking	Substantive	Language revision	Street parking limit restriction raised to 72 hours to allow longer periods on residential areas.
S13	10.52.215	Leaving unattended children in parked or standing vehicles.	Substantive	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 16.52.340.
S14	10.62.090	Application and processing of permits and post even evaluation	Substantive	Language revision	To include traffic control plans and their approval authority in the procedures.

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S15	10.62.100	Conditions affecting the decision and issuance of a special event permit.	Substantive	Language revision	To include traffic control plan approval in the criteria and refer to 10.24.047 for disruptions/closures.
ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES					
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.	Administrative	Remove section.	Code should apply to anyone using the streets. Providing a section for applicability to nonresidents may bring confusion.
3	10.04.060	Exemptions.	Administrative	Language revision	Use common terms to make section easier to understand.
10.08 Definitions					
4	10.08.030	Central business or traffic district.	Operational	Change section name to "Bollard".	'Central business or traffic district' no longer in use. Code section will be used for definition of 'Bollard'.
5	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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6	10.08.070	Freight curb loading zone.	Operational	Change section name to "Official time standard".	Combining "freight curb loading zone" definition with 10.05.050 (Curb loading zone). Move definition of "Official time standard" to this section.
7	10.08.080	Official time standard.	Administrative	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.
8	10.08.100	Passenger curb loading zone.	Operational	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.
9	10.08.110	Roundabout.	Administrative	New definition	To include definition of roundabouts.
10	10.08.120	Right-of-way.	Administrative	Change section name to "Shared street".	Definition of "Right-of-way" moved to section 10.08.100. Code section will be used for definition of "Shared street".
11	10.08.130	Street.	Administrative	New definition	To include definition of street.
12	10.08.140	Traffic control devices.	Administrative	New definition	To include definition of traffic control devices.
13	10.08.150	Traffic division.	Administrative	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.

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14	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".
15	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					
16	10.10.010	Model Traffic Ordinance.	Administrative	Language revision	To include MUTCD as recognized guidance for Model Traffic Ordinance.
17	10.10.040	Definition of highway.	Administrative	Remove section.	To include under 10.08 - Definitions as 'Streets'.
10.12 Enforcement					
18	10.12.010	Authority of Police, Fire Department officials.	Operational	Title change and language revision	To change title to 'Authority of enforcement officers' to provide clarification on the roles for police.
19	10.12.020	Conformance to title.	Operational	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".
20	10.12.030	Obedience to officers.	Operational	Title change and language revision	To change title to 'Compliance with lawful orders' to define infraction process.
21	10.12.040	Notice and appeals.	Operational	New section.	To define notice and appeal process.

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10.16 City Traffic Engineer					
22	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' and add 'licensed engineer'.
10.20 Traffic Control Devices and Signals					
23	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.
24	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.
25	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.
26	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.
27	10.20.050	Interference prohibited.	Operational	Language revision	To refer to RCW 46.63.110 for any violation penalties.
28	10.20.080	Crosswalks – Safety zones.	Administrative	Remove section	Crosswalks are commonly known nowadays and are included in the duties of the City Traffic Engineer (RMC 10.16.020).

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29	10.20.090	Traffic lanes.	Administrative	Remove section	This is listed in the City Traffic Engineer duties (RMC 10.16.020).
10.24 Speed Regulations					
30	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.
31	10.24.020	Decreasing state speed limit at intersections.	Administrative	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.
32	10.24.030	Increasing state speed limit.	Administrative	Remove section	Consolidating sections 10.24.020-10.24.040 due to redundant language.
33	10.24.040	Decreasing state speed limit.	Administrative	Remove section	Consolidating sections 10.24.020-10.24.040 due to redundant language.
34	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. Consistent use of ' streets' throughout City documents. 'Highways' will be used for state highways. List special events as one of the conditions for closure.
35	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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36	10.24.050	Posting speed limits.	Administrative	Remove section	Consolidated 10.24.050 and 10.24.055 under 10.24.020. Both are duties of the City Traffic Engineer.
37	10.24.055	Advisory speed limits.	Administrative	Remove section	Consolidated 10.24.050 and 10.24.055 under 10.24.020. Both are duties of the City Traffic Engineer.
38	10.24.065	School zones.	Administrative	Added rows for NE 122nd Street and 172 Avenue NE	To incorporate Clara Barton Elementary school zones.
39	10.24.070	Traffic signal timing.	Administrative	Remove section	Authorizing signal timings if described in City Traffic Engineer duties (RMC 10.16.020).
10.25 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras					
40	10.25.010	Use of automated traffic safety cameras authorized.	Administrative	Language revision	To update language per Ord. 3216.
41	10.25.030	Restrictions on use.	Administrative	Language revision	To update language per Ord. 3216.
42	10.25.050	Definition of automated traffic safety camera.	Administrative	Language revision	To update language per Ord. 3216.

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43	10.25.060	Presumption of committed infraction - Presumption overcome.	Administrative	Language revision	To update language per Ord. 3216.
44	10.25.070	Infractions processed.	Administrative	Language revision	To update language per Ord. 3216.
45	10.25.080	Penalties.	Administrative	Language revision	To update language per Ord. 3216.
10.28 Turning Movements					
46	10.28.010	Authority to place – Compliance, markers.	Administrative	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.
47	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					
48	10.32.010	Signs.	Operational	Language revision	Defined process for City Traffic Engineer proposes one-way street for City Council approval.
49	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

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50	10.32.030	Restricted movement on streets during certain periods.	Administrative	Remove section	RMC 10.32.010 includes it in permanent basis and RMC 12.08 covers in short-term basis.
51	10.32.040	Schedule.	Administrative	Remove section	RMC 10.32 describing the authority to designate and duty to install signs is sufficient. Schedule not necessary.
10.36 Special Stops					
52	10.36.020	Arterial highways designated.	Administrative	Remove section	Street network documented in the TMP.
53	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'. Stop sign effectiveness should apply the same regardless of street classification.
54	10.36.040	Other intersections where stop required.	Administrative	Remove section	Stop sign effectiveness should apply the same regardless of street classification and duty/authority described in RMC 10.16.020.
55	10.36.050	Design of stop signs.	Administrative	Remove section	Included in RMC 10.20.020.
10.40 Driving Rules					
56	10.40.010	Coasters, roller skates - Use restricted.	Operational	Language revision	Substitute 'coasters' with 'skateboards' and delete sentence referring to 'play streets'.

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57	10.40.030	Driving through funeral or other procession.	Administrative	Language revision	To consolidate with 10.40.040 and 10.40.050.
58	10.40.040	Operators in a procession.	Administrative	Remove section	Not applicable to modern times, encourages passing vehicles, and consolidating with 10.40.030.
59	10.40.050	Funeral processions to be identified.	Administrative	Remove section	Not applicable to modern times and consolidating with 10.40.030.
60	10.40.070	Vehicles prohibited on sidewalks	Operational	Language revision	To prohibit parking on sidewalk portion of driveways.
60	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.
61	10.40.090	Boarding or alighting from vehicles.	Administrative	Term substitution	To replace 'alight' with 'disembark' consistently throughout RMC Title 10.
62	10.40.100	Unlawful riding.	Administrative	Language revision	To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand.
63	10.40.105	Inattentive driving.	Administrative	Language revision	Use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand.

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64	10.40.110	Railroad trains not to block streets.	Administrative	Language revision	To use more commonly used terms to make section easier to understand.
65	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.
66	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					
67	10.44.020	Crossing streets.	Administrative	Language revision	Emphasis on drivers to stop for pedestrians on crosswalks and exclude shared streets from prohibition of pedestrians to step into a street open to moving traffic between intersections.
10.48 Bicycles and Micromobility					
68	10.48.010	Effect of regulations	Administrative	Language revision	Incorporating micromobility devices.

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69	10.48.020	Obedience to traffic control devices.	Administrative	Language revision	Clarification for bicycles and incorporating micromobility devices.
70	10.48.030	Parking.	Administrative	Language revision	Clarification and incorporating micromobility devices.
71	10.48.035	Combination sidewalk/bike lanes.	Operational	Language revision	Changing Director of Public Works to City Traffic Engineer for the authority to establish/designate and incorporating micromobility devices.
10.52 Stopping, Standing, Parking					
72	10.52.040	Loading, unloading at angle to curb – Permit required.	Operational	Remove section	This is handled through a ROW use permits.
73	10.52.050	Curb loading zones designated.	Administrative	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.
74	10.52.060	Standing vehicle in passenger curb loading zone.	Administrative	Remove section	To consolidate with 10.52.050. Language applies to both passenger and freight modes.

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75	10.52.070	Standing vehicle in freight curb loading zone.	Administrative	Remove section	To consolidate with 10.52.050.
76	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	Language clarification. Add 'City' before Traffic Engineer for consistency.
77	10.52.100	Obstructing traffic.	Administrative	Language revision	To include designated bike lanes in the restriction of traffic obstruction.
78	10.52.135	Authority to establish parking regulations.	Administrative	Language revision	Clarifying regulations established 'upon signs/markings' instead of 'by the Traffic Engineer'. Including ADA parking spaces. Updating item D to provide general language outline authority, and refer to RCW 46.63.110 for amounts/penalties related to traffic infractions.
79	10.52.210	Parking restricted.	Administrative	Remove section	No need to call out specific streets with parking restrictions as they are typically marked with No Parking signs.
10.56 Restricting Traffic on Certain Streets					

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80	10.56.010	Certain vehicles on streets restricted.	Administrative	Language revision	Language clarification. 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					
81	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'.
82	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					
83	10.76.020	Restrictions.	Administrative	Language revision	To refer to the TMP for authorized truck routes.
84	10.76.030	Authorized routes.	Administrative	Language revision	Removal of truck route listing to refer to the TMP and adding provision for the prohibition of truck traffic on certain routes.
85	10.76.040	Truck route signs to be posted.	Operational	Remove section	The City no longer install signs to identify truck routes.
86	10.76.050	Unlawful acts.	Administrative	Language revision	To refer to the TMP for authorized truck routes.
87	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.