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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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**Meeting of September 17, 2025;
Her Honor Mayor Kaarin Knudson Presiding**

Councilors

Greg Evans, President
Eliza Kashinsky
Jennifer Yeh
Mike Clark

Lyndsie Leech, Vice President
Matt Keating
Alan Zelenka
Randy Groves

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

- 1. WORK SESSION: Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of Right-of-Way**
- 2. WORK SESSION: Wildfire Update**

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of Right-of-Way

Meeting Date: September 17, 2025
Department: Eugene Police Department
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Chief Chris Skinner
Phone: 541-682-8461

ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session is to discuss ways to “discourage occupants of motor vehicles, while on public streets, from transferring money or goods” such as through the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting drivers and passengers in vehicles from passing items to pedestrians unless the vehicle is legally parked. This work session is in response to council’s request to continue their discussion from the April 23, 2025 work session on the same topic.

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 2016, the City of Springfield adopted code section 6.112, Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of the Right-of-Way. At the Eugene City Council work session on January 14, 2019, during Committee Reports and Items of Interest, a motion was passed to hold a public hearing on an ordinance that mirrored Springfield’s ordinance. On February 19, 2019, the council held a public hearing on the addition of a new section (5.170) to Chapter 5 of the City’s Code and the amendment of section 5.990 of the code to provide a maximum fine of \$50 for the offense. In April 2019, the Council voted 2-6 against adopting the ordinance.

On November 7, 2024, City Council passed a work session poll requesting strategies to reduce or eliminate “Occupants of motor vehicles from the dangerous practice of transferring money or goods to people while on public streets” and seeking measures to address “actions that are posing safety hazards, encouraging behavioral problems, and causing economic harm to residents and local businesses.”

On April 23, 2025, City Council directed the City Manager to return to Council for discussion and further consideration with a mirrored version of Springfield Ordinance 6.112.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The City of Eugene [Strategic Plan](#) outlines direction and organizational priorities for the 2023-2026 period. The strategic plan identifies four key focus areas: Urgent Community Needs, Culture of Belonging, Communication and Outreach, and Organizational Wellbeing.

The ordinance is aligned with the Urgent Community Needs area and is intended to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

[January 14, 2019, Work Session](#)

Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to direct the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that mirrors Springfield Municipal Code section 6.112 Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of the Right-of-Way and schedule a Public Hearing.

Passed 6-2 (Opposed by Councilors Syrett and Zelenka)

[April 15, 2019, Meeting](#)

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to adopt Council Bill 5203, an ordinance concerning unlawful transfer on vehicular portion of right-of-way adding section 5.170 to the Eugene Code, 1971, and amending section 5.990 of that code.

Failed 2-6 (Opposed by Councilors Syrett, Evans, Zelenka, Semple, Yeh, and Pryor)

[April 23, 2025, Work Session](#)

Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to direct the City Manager to return to Council for discussion and further consideration with a mirrored version of Springfield Ordinance 6.112.

Passed 4-2 (Opposed by Councilors Kashinsky and Zelenka; Absent Councilors Evans and Yeh)

[April 28, 2025, Meeting](#)

Councilor Clark made the motion to send the ordinance directly to a public hearing without another work session, noting that Council has previously held work sessions and a public hearing on this topic.

Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on an unlawful transfer on vehicular portions of the right-of-way ordinance.

Failed 3:5 (Opposed by Councilors Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, and Leech)

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Send the proposed ordinance to a public hearing.
2. Request changes to the proposed ordinance.
3. Request another work session on the topic.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation at this time.

MOTION OPTIONS

If Council chooses option 1:

1. Move to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on the draft unlawful transfer on vehicular portions of the right-of-way ordinance as set forth in Attachment A to this AIS.

If Council chooses option 2 and the changes are minor:

2. Move to direct the City Manager to revise the draft ordinance to include/remove (state specific items) and schedule a public hearing on the revised ordinance.

If Council chooses option 2 and the changes are major, the recommended motion would be the same as for Option 3:

3. Move to direct the City Manager to return with an additional work session on the potential ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Ordinance: An Ordinance Concerning Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of Right-Of-Way, Adding Section 5.170 to the Eugene Code, 1971, and Amending Section 5.990 of that Code.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING UNLAWFUL TRANSFER ON VEHICULAR PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, ADDING SECTION 5.170 TO THE EUGENE CODE, 1971, AND AMENDING SECTION 5.990 OF THAT CODE.

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5.170 of the Eugene Code, 1971, is added to provide as follows:

5.170 ***Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of the Right-of-Way. Unless the vehicle is legally parked, no person, while a driver or a passenger in a vehicle, may give or relinquish possession or control of, or allow another person in the vehicle to give or relinquish possession or control of, any item of property to a pedestrian.***

Section 2. Section 5.990 of the Eugene Code, 1971, is amended by adding subsection (7) to provide as follows:

5.990 **Penalties - Specific.**
(9) *Violation of Section 5.170 is punishable by fine not to exceed \$50.*

Section 3. The City Recorder, at the request of, or with the consent of the City Attorney, is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein, or in other provisions of the Eugene Code, 1971, to the provisions added, amended or repealed herein.

Passed by the City Council this

____ day of _____, 2025

City Recorder

Approved by the Mayor this

____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Wildfire Update

Meeting Date: September 17, 2025
Department: Eugene Springfield Fire
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 2
Staff Contact: Chief Mike Caven
Phone: 541-682-7115

ISSUE STATEMENT

Staff will provide an update on the 2025 fire season and the status of the Community Safety Payroll Tax (CSPT) funded wildfire fuels management program.

BACKGROUND

Eugene Springfield Fire (ESF) prepared for a fire season that was forecasted to have above normal risk throughout August and September for our area. The forecast was downgraded in late August to reflect normal risk throughout the rest of 2025. Staff will provide an update on local fire responses with detailed information on what, when and where for these fires.

The wildfire impact on our state has been far less than the over one-million acres burned in 2024. Staff will report on ESF's participation in various deployments in 2025 including the dynamic Flat Fire in Sisters.

In 2024 ESF began a fuels management program funded through the CSPT. Staff will provide an update on the program's mission, services offered and status.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The steps ESF is taking around Alternative Response and Wildfire suppression directly relate to the City's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Goal Urgent Community Needs - Increase Sense of Safety as well as Communication and Outreach – Improve Community Awareness and Understanding of Priority Topics.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

[September 11, 2024 Work Session](#)

Information regarding the start-up of this program was presented to Council with the goal of helping our community protect against wildfire and mitigate the risks.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

Information only.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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