



City of Topeka
Governing Body Action Form
City Council Chambers
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DATE:	August 11, 2026	
CONTACT PERSON:	Nick Jefferson, City Attorney	DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:	Adopting 2026 Standard Traffic Ordinances (STO)	PROJECT #:
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ACTION OF COUNCIL:		JOURNAL #:
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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

DISCUSSION with POSSIBLE ACTION of an ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez, adopting the 2026 edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinances, amending Sections 10.15.010 and 10.15.020 of the Topeka Municipal Code and repealing original sections.

Voting Requirement: Action requires five (5) votes of the City Council. The mayor does not vote. The proposed ordinance involves a matter of home rule on which the mayor has veto authority.

(Approval will adopt the most recent version of the Standard Traffic Ordinances)

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POLICY ISSUE:

Whether to adopt the 2026 Standard Traffic Ordinances with most current statutory updates following the 2026 legislative session with recommended local amendments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Body move to adopt the ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) prepares and publishes the Standard Traffic Ordinance on an annual basis in July following legislative session. This book is a codification of all relevant statutory changes and the City now practices adopting these changes as soon as possible after publication in order to stay consistent with state law. This is also necessary for the Topeka Police Department's Records Division reporting system. The system used to crime statistics to the FBI will not function properly unless the most current versions of the statutes are adopted and used.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Cost of publications

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

[Cover Memo 2026 STO - K. Trussell](#)
[Ordinance 2026 STO](#)