

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-590
DECEMBER 8, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 17–
ENFORCEMENT BY ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARING PROCEDURE**

SUBMITTED BY:

**JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

SYNOPSIS –

An ordinance has been prepared to regulate delivery vehicles which block the traveled portion of the roadway and create a safety hazard for the motoring public. The ordinance will address situations where delivery vehicles force oncoming vehicular traffic to cross the center line of two-way streets. It will also deal with situations where large vehicles damage the street rights-of-way while maneuvering into a loading area. The ordinance is intended to treat these instances as public nuisances and provide for more severe penalties than the conventional traffic ticket.

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

RECOMMENDATION –

Approved.

BACKGROUND –

The City has received numerous complaints from the Garton West Neighborhood and area businesses located in the 2600 block of Delaware Avenue about trucks which block portions of Delaware Avenue while making deliveries and drive onto the right-of-way and business property opposite the warehouses.

The situation has created both a safety hazard and resulted in destruction of City and private property. The proposed ordinance would allow neighbors to document instances when this

occurs and to contact Community Development Department staff to initiate enforcement actions against the trucks and/or the warehouse owner.

Staff will rely on evidence from the neighborhood or area businesses to initiate notices and/or take legal action if necessary.