



CITY OF BLAIR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2026

TO: City Council and Mayor

FROM: Aaron Barrow, Deputy City Administrator

RE: Ordinance - Maintenance Responsibilities Within the Public Right-of-Way (§10-2414)

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to consider an ordinance adding Sec. 10-2414 to Chapter 10, Article 24 of the Blair Municipal Code to clarify maintenance, repair, upkeep, snow and ice removal, and parking responsibilities within the public right-of-way.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

No previous Council action.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Staff developed the proposed ordinance after questions arose regarding maintenance and snow-removal responsibility within portions of the public right-of-way. The section identifies travel lanes, on-street parking lanes, off-street parking areas, sidewalks and trails, and boulevards or tree lawns. The City would be responsible for travel lanes and public parking areas within the right-of-way, including maintenance and snow and ice removal.

Adjacent property owners would remain responsible for adjoining sidewalks as required by City Code. For right-of-way parking areas adjacent to another governmental entity, maintenance would generally be shared while the area remains open to the public; if public access is restricted, that entity would assume responsibility. The ordinance also confirms the City's authority to regulate parking and use right-of-way areas for snow storage, utilities, and public works operations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No significant direct financial impact is anticipated. The ordinance primarily clarifies maintenance responsibilities, with City work continuing through existing operations and budgeted resources.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ordinance adding Sec. 10-2414, Maintenance Responsibilities Within the Public Right-of-Way, to Chapter 10, Article 24 of the Blair Municipal Code.

