



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
September 23, 2021

Department Police

Director Approval Chief Jerry Harrison

AGENDA ITEM Consider ordinances adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) for Kansas Cities, 48th Edition, 2021 and Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) for Kansas Cities 37th Edition, 2021.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Staff recommend adopting the most current STO and UPOC.

BACKGROUND Police department staff have enough copies of the current STO and UPOC to issue them out to all affected parties for use. The current editions of the STO and UPOC must be adopted as City ordinances before personnel can use them for regulation. There are ordinances attached to this RCA to adopt the STO and UPOC.

Both publications are published by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The STO has been in publication since 1960 and is described by the League as an efficient and economical way to regulate traffic in Kansas cities. The UPOC has been published since 1980 and provides approximately 100 public offenses that can be adjudicated in municipal court. There are offenses that parallel state law and offenses that are frequently only enforced within cities.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS I move to adopt Ordinance 4372 an ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Independence, Kansas and incorporating by reference the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 48th Edition, 2021.

I move to adopt Ordinance 4373 an ordinance regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Independence, Kansas and incorporating by reference the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities, 37th Edition, 2021 with certain omissions.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Ordinance 4372
2. Ordinance 4373

ORDINANCE NO. 4372

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 48TH EDITION, 2021

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas:

Section 1.

There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the city that certain standard traffic ordinances known as the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities,” 48th Edition, 2021, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. No fewer than three copies of the Standard Traffic Ordinance shall be marked or stamped “Official Copy as adopted by Ordinance Number 4372,” and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance [Ordinance Number 4372], and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge and all administrative departments of the city charged with enforcement of the ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of official copies of the Standard Traffic Ordinance similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

Section 2.

Ordinance 4310 is repealed.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication in the official city newspaper or October 1, 2021, whichever date is later.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas, on the 23rd day of

September, 2021.

LOUIS YSUSI, Mayor

ATTEST:

DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 4373

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 37TH EDITION, 2021 WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas:

Section 1.

There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the city that a certain code known as the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 37th Edition, 2021, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas, with the exception that Section 10.18 of said Uniform Public Offense Code is not adopted. No fewer than three copies of the Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped “Official Copy as adopted by Ordinance Number 4373,” and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance [Ordinance Number 4373], and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge and all administrative departments of the city charged with enforcement of the ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of official copies of the Uniform Public Offense Code similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

Section 2.

Ordinance 4311 is repealed.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication in the official city newspaper or

October 1, 2021, whichever date is later.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas, on the 23rd day of September, 2021.

LOUIS YSUSI, Mayor

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