

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: October 27, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Amendment to Title 10 of the Lancaster Municipal Code (Vehicles and Traffic)**

Recommendation:

Introduce **Ordinance No. 935**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Section 10.04.070 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to closing roads and highways.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

Currently, Section 10.04.070 of the Lancaster Municipal Code ordains that whenever any public road or highway or portion thereof shall be in course of improvement, the city council may, if it deems it necessary to avoid injury to or interference with such work or improvement, order such road or highway, or a portion thereof, in length or width, closed to travel during the course of such improvement.

The proposed amendment to this section would grant the authority of approving temporary closures, or restricting the use of, any City road or highway to the Director of Public Works whenever he deems it necessary for the protection and safety of the public during storms or other emergencies, or during construction, improvement or maintenance operations thereon. Granting this authority to the Director of Public Works will eliminate the need to take each temporary road closure request to the City Council for approval, which will reduce the amount of time required to process such approvals, thereby improving service to, and the safety of, the public.

The proposed amendment also eliminates subsection D of Section 10.04.070. Eliminating this subsection resolves a conflict with Section 10.04.270 which sets forth the penalties for violating any section within Chapter 10.04.

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Attachment:

Ordinance No. 935