

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** STREETS

**AGENDA DATE:** Aug. 12, 2008

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Daryl W. Cole, Streets Director (621-6750)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES), TO CREATE CHAPTER 13.02 (STREET AND INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES DEPARTMENTS), AND SECTIONS THEREUNDER, IN THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS KNOWN AS THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES DEPARTMENT.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Although the Street Department originated through City Charter, the department functions will now be listed and included within a city ordinance in accordance with present practice and procedure. This ordinance will also separate out the traditional Street Department functions from the International Bridge and Parking Meters functions and create a new department titled International Bridge Department. The separation of these functions and the creation of this new department will enable staff to better monitor and address capital and fiscal management and other important functions of the two departments.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager, Mobility Services

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the City desires to separate out the functions regarding the construction and operation of International Bridges from the Street Department; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to include the prior creation of the Street Department within the codified ordinances of the City and to include the newly established International Bridges Department within the same chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, any prior ordinance or ordinances of the City, which previously related to the creation of the Street Department, one of the earliest departments of the City of El Paso, are repealed to the extent that they conflict with this ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Chapter 13.02 (Street and International Bridges Departments) of the El Paso City Code be created as follows.

Section 2. That Section 13.02.010 (Creation and Purpose of the Street Department) be created as follows:

**Section 13.02.010. Creation and Purpose of the Street Department.**

a. There is established in the City of El Paso, the Street Department, which shall generally provide for the management, oversight and administration of the maintenance operations for city owned street and street-related infrastructure.

b. The primary function of the department shall be the management, oversight and administration of the maintenance operations for city owned street infrastructure, traffic control infrastructure, street medians, shoulders, and alleys, to include the aesthetic improvements, and other city owned rights-of-way; oversight of capital improvement projects relating to street infrastructure; management of a citywide pavement management system; administration of street maintenance and restoration practices such

as resurfacing, patching, sealing, and paving; installation and operational maintenance of traffic signalization infrastructure; installation and maintenance of street signage, pavement markings; management of the city's graffiti removal program; and to generally perform duties and services relating to street and right-of-way maintenance activities as to be determined by the city manager.

Section 3. That Section 13.02.020 (Staffing of the Street Department) be created as follows:

**Section 13.02.020. Staffing of the Street Department.**

- a. The department shall be staffed by a department director and such other appropriate positions as are authorized by the Council or established in accordance with a process established by a City budget resolution.
- b. The department director shall be responsible for the performance of duties as assigned by other ordinances of the City, provided however, that the City Manager may reassign such duties to other departments and staff, as he deems appropriate.

Section 4. That Sections 13.02.030 and 13.02.040 shall be held as reserved.

Section 5. That Section 13.02.050 (Creation and Purpose of the International Bridges Department) be created as follows:

**Section 13.02.050. Creation and Purpose of the International Bridges Department.**

- a. There is hereby established the International Bridges Department in the City of El Paso, which shall generally provide for the capital and fiscal management and operation of city owned international bridge crossings and parking meters.
- b. The primary function of the department shall be the capital and fiscal management and operation of city owned international bridge crossings and parking meters, including the maintenance and upgrade of assets and facilities; facilitation of efficient and reliable cross border mobility and international commerce; the provision of convenient, efficient and reliable cross border mobility at an appropriate cost while facilitating international commerce; the expansion of facilities, assets and services where appropriate; the provision of collection and payment services for bridge tolls and parking meter fees, and the efficient management of parking meters; and to generally perform duties and services relating to areas of international crossings and parking meter concerns as to be determined by the city manager.

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Section 6. That Section 13.02.060 (Staffing of the International Bridges Department) be created as follows:

**Section 13.02.060. Staffing of the International Bridges Department.**

- a. The department shall be staffed by a department director and such other appropriate positions as are authorized by the Council or established in accordance with a process established by a City budget resolution.
- b. The department director shall be responsible for the performance of duties as assigned by other ordinances of the City, provided however, that the City Manager may reassign such duties to other departments and staff, as he deems appropriate.

Section 7. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective on September 1, 2008.

Section 8. Except as herein provided, Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2008.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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John F. Cook, Mayor

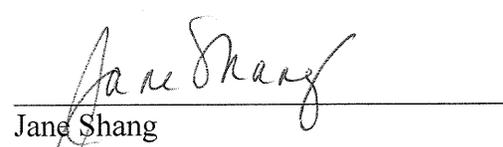
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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

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Elaine S. Hengen  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

  
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Jane Shang  
Deputy City Manager