



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX.G.  
8/4/2015

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Ordinance to be introduced, set for public hearing August 18, 2015, and final hearing September 1, 2015, relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic, amending Chapter 32 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2010, Section 32-191, Changing Lanes; by adding a requirement that drivers signal their intent to change lanes for at least 100 feet prior to the lane change.

### Background

The proposed ordinance amendment is the result of work by the Oklahoma City Police Department with support from the Municipal Counselor's Office in response to concerns expressed by officers of the Police Department for citizen safety.

State law requires drivers to signal their intent to change lanes for at least 100 feet and not to change lanes unless that movement may be safely made. There is no City ordinance that expressly imposes a minimum lane change signal distance requirement. The Police Department considers the 100 foot requirement to be significant safety requirement to protect the public.

### Previous Action

The Traffic and Transportation Commission reviewed the draft ordinance at their July 20, 2015 meeting and voted to forward a recommendation to the City Council for its adoption. (meeting action item attached)

### Review

Police Department

Recommendation: Ordinance be introduced, set for public hearing August 18, 2015, and final hearing September 1, 2015.

### Attachment