

# Parking, special police laws changed

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Motorists shouldn't be surprised when they are ticketed for parking violations after the next 20 days. The city council Monday night gave final approval to an amendment to the traffic ordinance authorizing special meter men to ticket illegally parked vehicles in addition to a meter violation.

Heretofore, meter men were limited to ticketing for overtime parking on meters. Now they may ticket for double parking in metered zones and for parking on painted lines designating parking stalls.

The council also gave final approval to an amendment providing for the definition, regulation, licensing and bonding of special police. The ordinance covers not only special police but also private and merchant police.

First reading was given to

an amendment that would make a minor change in the ordinance relating to truck signs. The present ordinance requires the city traffic engineer to locate truck route signs at the entrances to the city. This is no longer necessary since the state has taken over the job and, in addition, the city is prohibited from putting any signs on Interstate highway right-of-way.

Final reading will be given Feb. 15.

First reading of amendments to the plumbing and electrical ordinances, however, was postponed to Feb. 15, pending a clarification Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirements for the city's workable plan.

Leonard Swanson, director of public works, is meeting this week with HUD officials in Denver to determine just what HUD

specifications are for municipalities participating in the urban renewal programs.

Alderman Jerry Shoener later reported the public safety committee had "tabled" action on an ordinance regulating the number of liquor licenses on the same side of the street in any block in the city. He explained the committee wanted to postpone any recommendation pending a thorough study of the proposed ordinance after several bar owners had protested.

Purpose of the amendment to the alcoholic beverages ordinance is to disperse the "clustering" of bars, and is aimed at the north side of Main Street in the 600 block.

Legality of the proposed amendment was questioned at the committee meeting and action was continued.

Acting Mayor John Barnes suggested the committee pursue the project to come up with a valid and workable amendment.

Alderman Earl Huntington, however, expressed strong opposition to adoption of any ordinance that would put longtime businessmen out of business.

City Atty. James Olson explained that while there is some question as to the validity of the proposed amendment as it presently is written, he feels it could be revised to meet constitutional requirements.

He also pointed out to Huntington that the city has the power to regulate licensing of all kinds, especially liquor licenses. He said the granting of a license is a privilege for the holder, not a right.

Tacit approval was given to continue research on revising the proposed amendment.