



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Melissa Reynolds, P.E., CFM – Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Public Hearing and ordinance repealing Sections 98-62 and 98-63

Date: April 16, 2024

In 1964, City Council adopted Sections 98-62 and 98-63 which allowed the traffic engineer to declare any street or part thereof a play street and restrict the use of public right-of-way designated as a play street. In 2022, City Council repealed Section 98-41 and “Children at Play” signs are no longer recommended to be placed as warning signs.

Studies performed by others over the last ten years indicate that such declarations are of little value in reducing pedestrian crashes, vehicle speeds, or legal liability. Children should not be encouraged to play within the street travel ways.

City staff will be available to answer any questions related to the repeal of Sections 98-62 and 98-63 – Play Streets at the April 16, 2024 City Council meeting.