



# Ordinance: Adopting Article 10-3 & Model Traffic Code, 2024 Edition

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING – February 3, 2024

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# Agenda

Background

Recommendation

Questions

## Maintaining Local Control

In 2025, the Brighton Police Department wrote 1434 charges into Adams County Court that had to do with license plates, vehicle registration, and driver license statuses.

- Those charges include:
  - Vehicle had only one / no number plate attached / number plate obstructed
  - Fictitious plates
  - Displayed expired temporary permit
  - Displayed expired number plates
  - Drove vehicle without valid driver license
  - Drove vehicle when license is under restraint (suspended / revoked / denied)

# 2025 Statistics

Charge Type	Number of times the charge was issued	Fine	Surcharge	Total Fine	Total money given to Adams County
Vehicle had only one / no number plate attached / number plate obstructed	100	\$15	\$7	\$22	\$2,200
Fictitious plates	<b>99</b>	\$75	\$25	\$100	\$9,900
Displayed expired temporary permit	91	\$75	\$18	\$93	\$8,463
Displayed expired number plates	<b>527</b>	\$75	\$18	\$93	\$49,011
Drove vehicle without valid driver license	<b>304</b>	\$35	\$11	\$46	\$13,984
Drove vehicle when license under restraint (suspended / revoked / denied)	<b>313</b>	\$100	\$16	\$116	\$36,308
	<b>1,434</b>				<b>\$119,866</b>

## Impact on the City

The City sees no return on these County tickets = \$119,866

While the City does not see any of the returns like the County, there is an associated workload.

- Time spent on traffic stops
- Issuing and processing citations
- Report writing
- Court

At times, warnings are given for County only charges so the tickets can be written into the Brighton Municipal Court

## Proposed Ordinance: Article 10-3

Article 10-3 proposes adding the following traffic infractions:

- Fictitious plates
- Number plate violations
- Drove vehicle without valid driver license
- Drove vehicle when license is under restraint (suspended / revoked / denied)

## Proposed Ordinance: Article 10-4

Brighton Municipal Code currently uses the Model Traffic Code, 2020 edition

Article 10-4 would be repealed because it is not the most current version

Article 10-4 would be replaced with the adoption of the Model Traffic Code, 2024 Edition

## Options for Council Consideration

- Schedule the Public Hearing to Adopt the 2024 Model Traffic Code for March 3, 2026
- After the hearing, accept the ordinance as proposed
- Deny as proposed
- Accept with modifications