

**Subject: 2015 changes to several Surprise City Ordinances**

Dear resident,

On July 1, 2015, the City of Surprise adopted several changes to ordinances related to civil traffic violations. Most of these changes occurred with Chapter 54 of the Surprise Municipal Code. In an effort to ensure all citizens are made aware of the changes, the Surprise Police provided the following review of the effected ordinances.

One of the new civil traffic violations prohibits the use of private property to avoid a traffic control device. Another new civil traffic violation was also added for drivers who follow emergency vehicles too closely or for those who drive over fire hoses in a roadway.

Continuing, another update to the Chapter 54 dealt with vehicles being parked near Surprise Fire-Medical Department stations that block the view of crew members operating any apparatus leaving the station. Also, a civil traffic violation was added to penalize drivers who enter an intersection or crosswalk when the traffic signal device is red.

If you have additional questions in regard to these city ordinances, please contact the Surprise Police Department at 623.222.4000.

Best Regards,

City of Surprise