



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda Briefing Memorandum
Ordinance 0012-25 – Spectating and Other
Conduct at Illegal Traffic Events

AGENDA DATE:

Intro to Council Date: October 21, 2025
Standing Committee Date: October 29, 2025
Final Action Council Date: November 4, 2025

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SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an ordinance that prohibits spectating and other conduct at illegal traffic events.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

The Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Code consists of nine chapters in the Wisconsin Statutes that govern every aspect of traffic-related matters within the state. The provisions thereunder prohibit racing, speeding, endurance contests, and reckless driving. At times, these prohibited driving forms and maneuvers draw crowds and turn into organized events where both vehicle and pedestrian traffic are obstructed. These events are called “street takeovers.”

This piece of legislation focuses on the spectators who turn these instances of exhibition driving, street takeovers, and driving events (together, “illegal traffic events”) into dangerous spectacles. Specifically, this legislation prohibits spectating at illegal traffic events and forbids other conduct that contributes to and enables illegal traffic events to take place. It also prescribes the penalties for doing so.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve.

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: N/A