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Tuesday night at the City Council Meeting, the first reading of a new Ordinance (Driving Equality Ordinance) received unanimous City Council approval. When the second reading occurs on July 6th, I expect that it too will pass with a unanimous vote. That being said, as a department we will be implementing the following **effective immediately**:

9:801 – Permitted and Prohibited Traffic Stops

- (1) No law enforcement officer employed by the Ann Arbor Police Department shall stop or detain the operator of a motor vehicle based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socio-economic status, age, cultural group, or disability.
- (2) Except where the violation is of a ***nature or magnitude that it poses immediate risk of harm to person(s) or property***, a law enforcement officer employed by the Ann Arbor Police Department shall not stop or detain the operator or occupant of a motor vehicle based ***solely on one*** of the following offenses:
 - a. Cracked or chipped windshield
 - b. Loud exhaust
 - c. Tinted windows
 - d. Object hanging from rearview mirror, unless the officer has a good faith belief that the object creates an unsafe vision obstruction.
 - e. Cracked, broken or burned-out tail lamp where at least one tail lamp remains functional and properly illuminated.
 - f. Registration plate lighting violations
 - g. Registration plate violations regarding plate height or attachment as described in MCL 257.225, as amended.
 - h. Location of registration sticker
 - i. Location of temporary or paper registration plate, so long as it remains clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
 - j. Registration expired less than 60 days prior to the date the officer observes the vehicle.

In an effort to continue building trust and providing equitable service to all, our department should be seeking ways to keep the community safe without the appearance of disparate treatment. I believe it is the intention of every person within this department to provide fair and impartial service to the City of Ann Arbor. I believe we will be able to continue doing this within these new parameters.

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