

Ordinance No. 7458

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 10.16 AND 10.20, RELATING TO PARKING TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS TO THURSTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34.180, on July 29, 2025, the City of Olympia entered into a negotiated Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for costs associated with direct filing of cases in Thurston County District Court; and

WHEREAS, the City will commence filing cases in Thurston County District Court on February 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Chapters 10.16 and 10.20 of the Olympia Municipal Code must be amended to facilitate such transfer; and

WHEREAS, due to the constraints to complete the transition on time, the Olympia City Council finds a public emergency exists to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC 10.16. Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 10.16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.16
STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING

10.16.000 Chapter Contents

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10.16.010 Applicability

The provisions of this chapter prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle apply at all times or those times specified in this chapter or as indicated on official signs, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device.

10.16.020 Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets -- Penalty for violation

A. Where the City has posted signs giving notice thereof, ~~no person may stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any time upon streets so posted~~no motor vehicle without a driver found parked, standing, or stopped where it has been prohibited violates this section. A police officer or parking services field representative who finds such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and will conspicuously affix to the vehicle a notice of parking infraction.

B. Penalties for Violation. ~~The owner of a vehicle found in violation of this section commits a civil infraction and is subject to a~~The penalty for the first violation of this section is a restricted parking infraction of \$95.00. If a vehicle remains in violation of this section after one hour has passed without the vehicle being moved, such violation constitutes a second restricted parking violation and the owner of the vehicle commits a second civil infraction and is subject to a second penalty of \$95.00. If a vehicle remains in violation of this section after another hour has passed without the vehicle being moved, such violation constitutes a third restricted parking violation infraction and the owner of the vehicle commits a third civil infraction and is subject to a third penalty of \$95.00.

C. A vehicle for which a ~~civil~~restricted parking infraction has been issued for a violation of this section and which is deemed a hazard may be immediately impounded pursuant to OMC 10.16.300(A)(7).

10.16.030 Recreational vehicle parking on City streets over 24 hours prohibited without permit -- Penalty for violation

A. No parking of recreational vehicles on City streets over 24 hours. ~~A person may not park a~~ recreational vehicle may not be parked on any City street longer than 24 hours including holidays and weekends, without a City of Olympia Parking Services issued permit affixed to the front window of the recreational vehicle in a place clearly visible from the outside of the vehicle. Parking the vehicle in another location within the City within the 24 hour period on a City street is a violation of this section. This section does not apply to vehicular camping regulated by OMC 10.16.035.

B. Definitions.

1. Recreational Vehicle: For purposes of this chapter, "Recreational Vehicle" (RV) means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed for recreational camping or travel use that has its own motive power or is mounted on or towed by another vehicle. The units include travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, folding camping trailers, truck campers, motor homes, conversion vans, and conversion busses.
2. Adjacent: For purposes of this chapter, "Adjacent" means in the right-of-way typically used for vehicular parking, on the same side of the street as the residence for which the permit has been issued, in front of or to the side of that residence but within the lot lines of the residence as if the lot lines of the residence extended into the right-of-way.

C. Permit Application and Criteria. To obtain a temporary permit allowing an RV to park in a designated location for up to seven business days within a quarter, the registered owner or operator of the RV must apply to the Parking Services Department of the City of Olympia and meet one of the following criteria for approval:

1. The registered owner or operator of the RV is a resident with a current physical address within the City of Olympia and the RV must park adjacent to that residence; or
2. The registered owner or operator of the RV is the visitor of a resident with a current physical address within the City of Olympia and the RV must park adjacent to that residence; or
3. The registered owner or operator of the recreational vehicle is participating as a vendor or sponsor of a Special Event for which a special event permit has been obtained from the City.

D. Validity of Permits. Permits are valid for up to seven business days per vehicle per quarter. Permits are valid only for the dates authorized on the permit and only for the location indicated on the permit. Those who meet the qualifying criteria under (C)(1) or (C)(2) are required to park adjacent to the lot of the sponsoring City of Olympia resident or the permit is invalid. If there is limited or no parking adjacent to the sponsoring resident, Parking Services shall designate an appropriate location nearby and indicate such location on the permit.

E. Penalty for Violation. ~~The owner of a vehicle parked in violation of this section commits~~ It is a civil parking infraction for a vehicle to be parked in violation of this section, and is subject to penalty of \$95.00. After three parking citations for violation of this section, the vehicle may be impounded as provided for in OMC [10.16.300](#).

10.16.035 Camping in a Vehicle on City Right-of-Way -- ~~Penalty~~ Warnings for violation -- Impound

A. Definitions. For purposes of this section, to "camp in a vehicle" or "vehicle camping" means to use a vehicle for shelter, for habitation, or as a residence, including for sleeping or resting; storing of personal belongings; storing, preparing, and eating food; and being protected from the elements, including heat or cold, sun or rain; or any of these activities in combination with one another. A "vehicle" for purposes of this definition includes any automobile, car, van, truck, recreational vehicle, mobile home, motor home, camper, bus, or trailer, and also includes a vessel.

B. ~~No person may camp in a~~ There is no vehicle camping on City right-of-way, whether such right-of-way is improved or unimproved, except as provided in this section. ~~A person may camp in a~~ Any vehicle camping on City right-of-way ~~only in compliance~~ shall comply with all of the following:

1. ~~A person camping in a vehicle on City right-of-way~~ The vehicle shall park such vehicle ~~be parked~~ legally, in compliance with all applicable provisions of state law and the OMC. ~~A person using a vehicle for camping may not park the vehicle being used for vehicle camping in a manner that~~ must not blocks any City street, sidewalk, bike lane, driveway, or City infrastructure and will be subject to the penalties of the applicable state law or OMC.

2. ~~A person camping in a~~ No vehicle being used for vehicle camping on City right-of-way ~~may not park the vehicle used for vehicle camping~~ may be parked:

a. In any one location for more than 24 hours after the person receives notice that the vehicle must be moved after 24 hours. Such notice may be provided to the person by hand delivery from a designated City representative, or such notice may be provided by posting it on the vehicle. Before or upon the expiration of this 24-hour period, the ~~person may move the vehicle~~ may be moved to another lawful parking location within the City, but only if that location is at least one-half mile or 10 blocks from where the vehicle was parked in the previous 24 hours.

b. Within 500 feet of any other vehicle being used for camping.

c. Within 500 feet of any emergency housing facility approved under chapter [18.50](#) OMC.

d. Within 500 feet of any school.

3. A vehicle used for camping must be properly licensed and registered as required by state law and must be operational, i.e., capable of being started and driven under its own power, or capable of being towed if designed to be towed and may not be abandoned or left inoperable on City right-of-way or on City property.

4. ~~A person camping in a vehicle may not create or maintain open flame, a recreational fire or bonfire, a fire for burning garbage or refuse in, on, or around the vehicle used for vehicle camping. A cooking device that emits flame and a space heating device that emits flame is permitted, as allowed by laws and regulations applicable to such devices.~~

5.—A person camping in a vehicle on City right of way may not dump gray water (i.e., wastewater from baths, sinks, dishwashing, and the like) or black water (i.e., sewage) into any facility or place not intended for gray water or black water disposal, including storm drains.

6.—A person camping in a vehicle on City right of way may not store material outside the vehicle, except as incidental to short term loading or unloading of the vehicle.

7.—A person camping in a vehicle on City right of way may not build or erect any structure or structures connecting or attaching to the vehicle or in the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.

8.—A person camping in a vehicle on City right of way may not accumulate, discard, or leave behind garbage, debris, unsanitary or hazardous materials, or other items of no apparent utility on City right of way, on City property, or on any adjacent public or private property.

9.—A person camping in a vehicle on City right of way may not use any gas-powered generator between the hours of 10:00pm and 8:00am.

10.—A person camping in a vehicle on City right of way shall keep all animals in that person's care or custody leashed or crated at all times when the animal is outside the vehicle.

C. Penalties for Violation.

1. a. The owner of a vehicle found in violation of subsections B.1, B.2, or B.3 of this section commits a civil infraction and is subject to a penalty of \$20.00, except that where the vehicle is used as the owner's only residence, the penalty is \$0.00. After three citations for violation of any of subsections B.1, B.2, or B.3 in one calendar year, the vehicle may be impounded under OMC ~~10.16.300~~. If the vehicle used for vehicle camping is the owner's only residence, a warning will be issued. After three written warnings for violation of this section in one calendar year, the vehicle may be impounded under OMC 10.16.300.

b. Police officers and Parking Services field representatives are hereby authorized to issue warnings as well as civil parking infractions for violations of subsections B(1), B(2), or B(3) of this section.

c. A vehicle used for camping that is in violation of subsection B.3 may be removed from the right-of-way under OMC ~~18.40.060(E)(4)~~ 10.16.040 or any other applicable state law or OMC.

2.—a.—A person violating subsections B(4), B(5), B(6), B(7), B(8), or B(9) of this section commits a civil infraction and is subject to a penalty of \$25. A person violating any of subsections B(4), B(5), B(6), B(7), B(8), or B(9) of this section a second time within an 18-month period commits a civil infraction and is subject to a penalty of \$50. A person violating any of subsections B(4), B(5), B(6), B(7), B(8), or B(9) of this section a third time within an 18-month period commits a misdemeanor and, if found guilty, is subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both fine and imprisonment.

b.—Police officers and code enforcement officers are hereby authorized to issue civil infractions for violations of subsections B(4), B(5), B(6), B(7), B(8), or B(9) of this section.

10.16.040 Abandoned Vehicle in City Right-of-Way -- Penalty for Violation

- A. A vehicle may not be abandoned on City right-of-way.
- B. For purposes of this section, a vehicle is "abandoned" if the vehicle meets one or more of the following criteria:
1. The vehicle has been parked on City right-of-way for 72 hours or more; City parking services staff may determine that a vehicle has been so parked based on obvious signs the vehicle has remained in that location for 72 hours or more, including there being an accumulation of material around the vehicle, such as dirt, leaves, trash, or other debris;
 2. The vehicle is not properly licensed and registered as required by state law and has been parked on the City right-of-way for 24 hours or more;
 3. The vehicle has obvious signs that it is in disrepair or is inoperable (i.e. not capable of being started and driven under its own power) and has been parked in the City right-of-way for 24 hours or more.
- C. A vehicle abandoned on City right-of-way may be tagged by a Parking Services field representative or police officer and a warning issued to remove the vehicle within 72 hours, and that failure to remove it may result in impound at the owner's expense.
- D. A vehicle abandoned in the City right-of-way in violation of subsection A may be impounded by order of a Parking Services field representative or police officer in accordance with OMC 10.16.300 or by a police officer or code enforcement officer pursuant to OMC [18.40.060\(E\)](#).

10.16.045 Blocking City Infrastructure Prohibited: -- Penalty for Violation

- A. When the City has posted a sign at a location giving notice that stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a manner that blocks City infrastructure is prohibited, no person may stop, stand, or park a vehicle in that location in violation of that sign, in a manner that prevents City personnel or any person acting on behalf of the City, from accessing City infrastructure.
- B. For purposes of this section, "City infrastructure" means the City water system managed under chapter 13.04 OMC, the City public combined sewer system managed under chapter 13.08 OMC, and the City municipal separate storm sewer system managed under chapter 13.16 OMC.
- C. ~~Penalty for Violation. The owner of a~~ Penalty for Violation. A vehicle parked in violation of this section ~~commits a civil~~ will be issued a parking ~~infraction and is~~ infraction and is ~~subject to penalty of \$95.00. After three citations for violation of this section, the vehicle may be impounded as provided for in OMC 10.16.300. When necessary for the City to access City infrastructure, a vehicle parked in violation of this section may be immediately impounded at the owner's expense under OMC 10.16.300(A)(10).~~ subject to penalty of \$95.00. After three citations for violation of this section, the vehicle may be impounded as provided for in OMC [10.16.300](#). When necessary for the City to access City infrastructure, a vehicle parked in violation of this section may be immediately impounded at the owner's expense under OMC [10.16.300\(A\)\(10\)](#).
- D. ~~Emergency. In the event of an emergency requiring immediate access to City infrastructure, whether or not the area is signed as no parking, the City may tow a vehicle blocking City that infrastructure, as necessary to address the emergency.~~ Emergency. In the event of an emergency requiring immediate access to City infrastructure, whether or not the area is signed as no parking, the City may tow a vehicle blocking City that infrastructure, as necessary to address the emergency.

10.16.050 Parking time limitations -- When applicable

Except as provided in OMC [10.16.030](#), Posted parking time limits on City streets and zones apply during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. but do not apply on Saturdays or Sundays or those public holidays listed in RCW [1.16.050](#).

10.16.055 Residential Parking Program Established – Penalty for violation

A. There is established a Residential Parking Program through which a person who establishes that the person is a resident of a certain residential parking zone, as defined below, may participate in the Program and register with the City of Olympia Parking Services Program a vehicle or vehicles for which that person is the registered owner. If a person participates in the Program and registers a vehicle or vehicles through the Program, the registered vehicle(s) may be parked in the residential parking zone in which the participant resides, exempt from posted parking time limits and the requirement to pay hourly charges for pay parking spots, subject to the requirements and limitations of this section.

B. The residential parking zones within the City are:

1. Zone 1 - South Capitol Neighborhood Parking Zone 1: Area extending from, and including, Maple Park Avenue/16th Avenue SE to, and including, 21st Avenue SE, and from Interstate 5 to the east side of Capitol Way.
2. Zone 2 - South Capitol Neighborhood Parking Zone 2: Area extending from, and including, 15th Avenue SW to, and including, 17th Avenue SW, and from the center line of Capitol Way to the shoreline of Capitol Lake; also including the 1400 block of SW Columbia Street, the 1700 block of SW Sylvester Street, the 1700 block of SW Water Street, and the 1700 block of the west side of Capitol Way.
3. Zone 3 - South Capitol Neighborhood Parking Zone 3: Area extending from, and including, 18th Avenue SW to, and including, 24th Avenue SW, and from the center line of Capitol Way to the shoreline of Capitol Lake.
4. Zone 4 - East Jefferson Neighborhood: Area bounded by, but not including, Jefferson Street on the west, the Burlington Northern Railroad on the east, by, but not including, Union Avenue on the north, and bounded on the south by the access road to Interstate 5.
5. Zone 5 - Union Avenue Neighborhood: Area bounded by and including 8th Avenue on the north, by and including, 11th Avenue between Capitol Lake and Jefferson Street on the west and on Union Avenue between Jefferson Street and Plum Street on the south, and by Plum Street on the east.
6. Zone 6 - East Plum Street Area: Area bounded by and including Plum Street on the west and by, but not including, Eastside Street on the east, and by and including State Avenue on the north and by and including 8th Avenue on the south.
7. Zone 7 - Downtown Neighborhood: Area bounded by Capitol Lake/Budd Inlet on the west, by and including Market Street on the north, by, but not including, Plum Street on the east, and by, but not including, 8th Avenue on the south.

8. Zone 8 - Marina Residents: Area bounded by and including Market Street on the north, Budd Inlet on the west, by and including "B" Avenue on the south, and by and including Washington Street on the east.

C. To participate in the Residential Parking Program, a person must:

1. Be a resident of the applicable residential parking zone; a resident is a person who establishes that the person resides in the applicable residential parking zone and that the person's residence is adjacent to a timed or pay parking area. A person may participate in the Residential Parking Program only for so long as that person remains a resident of the applicable residential parking zone.

2. Pay in full all Olympia parking citations issued to such person for any vehicle or vehicles to be registered through the Residential Parking Program for which the person is the registered owner .

3. Pay all applicable fees. Fees for participation in the Residential Parking Program are as set forth in OMC Chapter [4.70](#).

4. Show or provide (as Parking Services may require) the following documentation to Parking Services:

a. Proof of Residency, as follows:

i. For Renters: A renter must prove residency at the applicable address by providing a copy of current official mail (such as a utility bill for service at the applicable address or bank statement) addressed to the address for which the person seeks to establish residency; and either a current residential lease or a notarized statement from the lessor verifying that the person is residing at the address for which the person seeks to establish residency; and .

ii. For Homeowners: A homeowner must prove residency at the applicable address by showing current official mail (such as a utility bill for service at the applicable address or bank statement) addressed to the address for which the person seeks to establish residency.

b. Current vehicle registration for each vehicle to be registered through the Program, reflecting that the person participating in the Program is the registered owner of the vehicle and reflecting that the vehicle is registered to the address for which the person seeks to establish residency.

c. Proof of vehicle insurance for the vehicle to be registered through the Program.

d. A valid driver's license.

e. Home-based Business Affidavit, consisting of a sworn statement that the following is true and correct:

i. All home occupation permits and licenses have been obtained and are current for home business occupations occurring at the address of residency.

- ii. The person applying for the parking permit resides either full or part-time at the address for which they are applying.
 - f. For residents of Zones 1, 2 and 3, an Off-street Parking Affidavit consisting of a sworn statement that the following is true and correct:
 - i. That any existing on-site parking at the address of residence is not leased or reserved for any person(s) not residing at said address.
- D. A person who meets the requirements for participation in the Residential Parking Program may register a vehicle or vehicles through the Program, subject to the following:
1. Vehicle limits for each zone are:
 - a. A resident in Zones 1, 2, and 3 may register up to a maximum of three vehicles per household (address) regardless of the number of licensed drivers (residents).
 - b. A resident in Zone 4 may register up to a maximum of four vehicles per household (address) regardless of the number of licensed drivers (residents).
 - c. A resident in Zones 5, 6, 7, or 8 may register one vehicle per licensed driver (resident), up to a maximum of four per household (address).
 - d. The Parking Services Supervisor is authorized to allow registration of additional vehicles in special circumstances or hardship cases .
 2. No boat, trailer, camper, recreational vehicle, or bus may be registered through the Residential Parking Program.
 3. No vehicle that exceeds the size of a parking stall may be registered through the Residential Parking Program.
 4. At all times, while it is registered through the Program, a vehicle must be currently registered to the Program participant and must be operable.
- E. A vehicle registered through the Residential Parking Program may be parked in the residential parking zone for which it is registered as follows, and subject to the following limitations:
1. A person participating in the Program may park any vehicle the person had registered through the Program in any legal on-street parking space within the zone in which the person resides, and such vehicle is exempt from parking time restrictions and payment requirements, as described below.
 - a. Zone 1 - South Capitol Neighborhood Zone 1: 1- and 2-hour timed, and 3-hour pay parking spaces.
 - b. Zone 2 - South Capitol Neighborhood Zone 2: 1-hour timed and 2-hour pay parking spaces.

- c. Zone 3 - South Capitol Neighborhood Zone 3: 1- and 2-hour parking spaces.
 - d. Zone 4 - East Jefferson Neighborhood: 2-hour parking spaces and 9-hour pay parking spaces.
 - e. Zone 5 - Union Avenue Neighborhood: 2-hour parking spaces and 9-hour pay parking spaces.
 - f. Zone 6 - East Plum Street Area: 90-minute parking spaces and 9-hour pay parking spaces.
 - g. Zone 7 - Downtown Neighborhood: 9-hour pay parking spaces.
 - h. Zone 8 - Marina Residents: 9-hour pay parking spaces.
2. A registered vehicle must be moved at least once every three days.

~~A. The owner of a~~ A vehicle found in violation of this section ~~commits~~ will be issued an overtime 1 parking violation, a civil infraction, and is subject to ~~the~~ a penalty as provided in OMC [10.16.080](#).

~~B. If a vehicle is found, pursuant to Section 10.16.055(D)(3), parked in the same location 24 hours later, the owner of such vehicle commits an~~ will be issued an chain overtime 2 parking violation, a ~~civil parking~~ infraction, and is subject to a ~~the~~ penalty as provided in OMC [10.16.080](#). A vehicle found in violation of this section may be impounded as provided for in OMC [10.16.300](#), after issuance of a 24-hour impoundment notice.

3. If a participant in the Residential Parking Program does not comply with the requirements and limitations of this ~~subsection~~, the City may remove such person from the Residential Parking Program ~~and rescind any vehicle registration issued to such person.~~

F. A visitor of a participant in the Residential Parking Program may park a vehicle in the residential parking zone for which the participant's vehicle(s) is registered and the visitor's vehicle is exempt from parking time restrictions and payment requirements, as follows, and subject to the following limitations:

- 1. A resident in Zone 1 who participates in the Residential Parking Program may apply for an exemption for a visitor's vehicle.
 - a. Visitor exemptions may only be issued for a visitor of a person residing at the address of residence. Exemptions are valid only for so long as the visitor remains a visitor to the applicable resident parking zone, not to exceed 10 business days.
 - b. The number of visitor exemptions ~~are~~ is unlimited.
 - c. The participant must notify Parking Services of the participant's name and the visitor's vehicle information (including license plate, vehicle make, model, color, and location) for each visitor exemption.
- 2. Any resident in Zones 2 or 3 who participates in the Residential Parking Program may apply for an exemption for a visitor's vehicle.

- a. Visitor exemptions may only be issued for visitors of a person residing at the address of residence. Exemptions are valid only for so long as the visitor remains a visitor to the applicable resident parking zone, not to exceed 10 business days.
- b. Visitor exemptions are limited to two vehicles per month January 1 through April 30.
- c. Visitor exemptions May 1 through December 31 are unlimited.
- d. The participant must notify Parking Services of the participant's name and the visitor's vehicle information (including license plate, vehicle make, model, color, and location) for each visitor exemption.

3. Any resident in Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 who participates in the Residential Parking Program may apply for an exemption for a visitor's vehicle.

- a. Visitor exemptions may only be issued for guests of people residing at the address of residence. Exemptions are valid only for so long as the visitor remains a visitor to the applicable resident parking zone, not to exceed 10 business days.
- b. The Participant must notify Parking Services of the participant's name and the visitor's vehicle information (including license plate, vehicle make, model, color, and location) for each visitor exemption.

4. The Parking Services Supervisor may authorize an extension on the exemption period on visitor permits for licensed caregivers of disabled residents.

G. Administration and Enforcement procedures:

1. The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee shall establish methods and procedures to implement the provisions of this section. The methods and procedures must be designed to provide parking time limit exemptions to residents in the residential parking zones established above in an efficient and equitable manner in accordance with all applicable laws. The Director or designee may establish an annual residential permit renewal system.

2. ~~A person may not~~No vehicle may be found stopped, standing, or parked any vehicle on the streets within any of the residential parking zones established by this section for a consecutive period of more than one hour, or as indicated for a particular street in OMC [10.16.050](#), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except recognized holidays, and except as may be provided for resident and visitor parking set forth by this section.

10.16.060 Parking adjacent to schools -- Penalty for violation

A. The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may designate no parking zones upon that side of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would interfere with traffic or create a hazard.

B. When official signs are posted indicating no parking upon the side of a street adjacent to any school property, ~~a person may not~~no vehicle may be parked a vehicle in any such designated place.

C. ~~Penalty for Violation. The owner of a~~ vehicle parked in violation of this section ~~commits a civil~~will receive a parking infraction and is subject to penalty of \$95.00. After three citations for violation of this section, the vehicle may be impounded as provided for in OMC [10.16.300](#).

10.16.070 Free parking zones

A. The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may designate within Olympia two-hour, one-hour, and 90-minute free parking zones. Signs must be erected to designate these zones.

B. During a single day, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, ~~a person may park a vehicle~~ may be parked in a free parking zone for up to the maximum time posted in any one zone.

C. ~~15~~Fifteen-minute pay parking spots may be designated in the downtown area where the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee deems it necessary to accommodate short-term parking needs ~~of customers~~. No more than two ~~15~~fifteen-minute pay parking spaces may be designated on any block face.

10.16.080 Free Pparking limits -- Penalty for violation

A. ~~A person may not park any~~No vehicle shall be parked on a street, in a parking lot, or within a zone designated as timed parking for a period of ~~more time longer~~ than the indicated limits set forth pursuant to the time designated and within the limits outlined in OMC [10.16.050](#), or as otherwise provided in this chapter.

B. ~~A showing that a vehicle was found~~ parked in any on-street parking space or spaces within any one residential parking zone for more than the allowed time constitutes prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been parked in violation of this section. It is no defense that the vehicle has been moved from one parking space to another within the parking zone if the vehicle remains in the same zone at the end of the applicable time limit.

C. ~~The owner of a~~ vehicle found parked in a timed space or in a Residential Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8, designated in OMC 10.16.055-A.2(A)(2), for more than the allowed time in violation of this section ~~commits will be issued an overtime 1 parking, a civil parking infraction with a penalty based on the number of times the designated time period has been consecutively exceeded.~~

D. Penalty for consecutive violation of timed parking limits.

(1) The first time period exceeded constitutes a parking infraction designated overtime 1 with a penalty of \$28.

(2) The second time period exceeded constitutes a parking infraction designated overtime 2 with a penalty of \$50.

(3) The third time period exceeded in residential zone 2, designated in OMC 10.16.055, constitutes parking infraction designated overtime 3 with a penalty of \$70.

(4) The fourth time period exceeded in residential zone 2, designated in OMC 10.16.055, constitutes parking infraction designated overtime 4 with a penalty of \$90.

~~, and is subject to a penalty of \$28.00. If a vehicle is found parked within Residential Zones 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 for more than the allowed time in violation of this section for a second timed period, the owner commits a chain parking violation, a civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$ 50.00.~~

~~D. The owner of a vehicle found parked in Residential Zones 1, 2, or 3, designated in OMC 10.16.055.A.2, for more than the allowed time in violation of this section commits overtime parking, a civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$28.00. If a vehicle is found parked within a timed space or Residential Zones 1 or 3 for more than the allowed time in violation of this section for a second timed period, the owner commits an chain overtime 2 parking violation, a parking civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$50.00.~~

~~E. If a vehicle is found parked in Residential Zone 2, designated in OMC 10.16.055(A)(2), for more than the allowed time in violation of this section for a second subsequent consecutive timed period, the owner of the vehicle commits a chain parking violation, a civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$50.00. If a vehicle is found parked in Residential Zone 2 for more than the allowed time in violation of this section for a third timed period, the owner commits an overtime 3 second chain parking violation, a civil parking infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$70.00.~~

~~F. If a vehicle is found parked in Residential Zone 2 designated in OMC 10.16.055(A)(2) for more than the allowed time in violation of this section for a fourth timed period, the owner commits an third chain overtime 4 violation parking, a civil parking infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$90.00.~~

10.16.090 Sign posting

The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee shall post appropriate signs in established timed parking zones, and may post appropriate signs in other locations, to reasonably inform the public of parking regulations enacted in this Chapter. Neither failure of a person to observe any sign nor the nonexistence of a sign in a particular location is a defense to any violation of this Chapter.

10.16.100 Pay Parking spaces – Parking without paying or when payment expired prohibited — Overtime parking prohibited -- Penalty for violation

A. Parking without paying or when payment expired prohibited.

1. ~~A person may not~~It is a violation of this section for park a vehicle to be found parked in a pay parking space without paying payment having been made for parking in that space. A person may not leave a~~No~~vehicle may be left parked in a pay parking space past the time paid for (i.e., when payment has expired) (for example, a person that has paid for one hour of parking in a parking space may not leave the vehicle parked in that space for more than one hour, unless the person has paid for additional parking time in that space).

2. Penalty for violation. ~~The owner of a~~A vehicle found in violation of this subsection ~~commits will be~~issued an unpaid space violation, a ~~civil parking~~civil parking infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$28.00. ~~If after a vehicle is found in violation of this section and a civil infraction is issued, that vehicle is again found in the same spot, without having been moved, in continued violation of this subsection, the owner of the vehicle commits a chain parking violation, a civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$50.00.~~

~~B. Overtime parking in pay parking spaces prohibited.~~

~~1. A person may not leave a vehicle parked in a pay parking space for a period of time longer than the time permitted for that parking space, no matter the time paid for that parking space (for example, a person may not leave a vehicle parked in a three-hour pay parking space for longer than three hours, even if the person had paid for more than three hours of parking).~~

~~2. Penalty for violation. The owner of a vehicle found in violation of this subsection commits an overtime parking violation, a civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$28.00. If after a vehicle is found in violation of this section and a civil infraction is issued, that vehicle is again found in the same spot, without having been moved, in continued violation of this subsection, the owner of the vehicle commits a chain parking violation, a civil infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$50.00.~~

~~CB. The Director of Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~Public Works or the Director's designee may sell nine-hour parking permits for use in designated nine-hour parking spaces. The permit fee and its duration must be set by the Director of ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~Public Works or the Director's designee.

10.16.110 Parking of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds within parking spaces - - Penalty for violation

A. More than one motor driven cycle, as defined in RCW [46.04.332](#) (including a motorcycle) or moped, as defined in RCW [46.04.304](#), may be parked within a single parking space within the City so long as any required payment is made and not allowed to expire and subject to the following additional provisions:

1. No more than three motor driven cycles or mopeds are allowed within a single parking space and each must be parked so as not to unreasonably interfere with other vehicles; and
2. Each motor driven cycle or moped is parked at an angle with the rear tire touching the curb and in a manner so as not to interfere with traffic; and
3. Any violation results in a citation being given to each motor driven cycle or moped then parked; and
4. Each motor driven cycle and moped must comply with the relevant time limit established for that parking space.

B. In all other regards, the motor driven cycle or moped must comply with all other applicable traffic and parking regulations.

~~C. A person may not park a~~No vehicle other than a motor driven cycle or moped shall be parked in a parking stall designated and signed as motorcycle parking only.

~~D. Penalties for violation. The owner of a~~A vehicle parked ~~found~~ in violation of this section ~~commits~~will be issued a civil parking infraction and is subject to a penalty of \$50.00.

10.16.120 Tampering with parking enforcement process is a violation -- Penalty for violation

A. ~~Any vehicle found with~~ A person may not, with the intent of circumventing City parking enforcement process or the provisions of this chapter, erase Any vehicle found with chalk marks erased after they have

been placed on tires of vehicles by enforcement officers of the City to enforce the provisions of this chapter will receive a tampering parking infraction.

~~B. — and a person may not with the intent of circumventing that enforcement process or the provisions of this chapter tamper with any other enforcement process implemented by the officials~~Any vehicle found with a damaged or manipulated immobilization device after an immobilization device has been placed by enforcement officers of the City to enforce the provisions of this chapter will receive a tampering parking infraction.

~~B. — A person may not remove a meter hood that has been installed City staff, and anyone acting on behalf of City staff, unless authorized by City Parking Services staff.~~

~~C. — A person may not move a sign that has been placed by City staff, or anyone acting on behalf of City staff, unless authorized by City Parking Services staff.~~

~~D. — No person other than the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may remove the immobilization device described in OMC Section 10.16.290, Immobilization, from any vehicle on which it has been installed.~~

~~E. — A person may not move any vehicle after it has been immobilized, before the immobilization device has been removed by the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee.~~

~~F. — With respect to any violation of this section, upon proof that the a person owned the vehicle at the time the immobilization device was installed and that the immobilization device was removed or the vehicle moved before the vehicle was removed from the scofflaw list, it is a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the vehicle removed the immobilization device or moved the vehicle or aided, abetted, or advised the person who did so.~~

~~G. — A person may not make unauthorized photocopies or replicas of parking permits.~~

~~H.C~~ A person who violates this section commits a civil vehicle found in violation of this section will receive a tampering parking infraction and is subject to a penalty of \$150.00.

10.16.140 City Public Parking Lots -- Regulations

This section, and OMC sections 10.16.150 and 10.16.160, applies to parking in City public parking lots, which are those lots owned, maintained, or operated by the City Parking Services, open to the public for parking, either for free, or on a pay-by-the-hour basis, pay-by-the-day basis, or on monthly paid permit basis. For purposes of the referenced sections, City public parking lots do not include those lots owned, maintained, and operated by the City's Parks, Arts, & Recreation Department, and those City lots reserved for City vehicles or City employees' vehicles.

A. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, ~~a person may not stop, stand, or park a~~ no vehicle may be found stopped, standing, or parked within any City public parking lot for a period of time longer than indicated, contrary to any restrictions, or without paying the applicable parking fee established under to OMC 10.16.140 through OMC 10.16.150. Violations of this section are set forth in OMC 10.16.080 and OMC 10.16.100, respectively.

~~B. A senior permit must be displayed and visible in windshield for parking in The Olympia Center on-site lot. A vehicle found parked in violation commits a city parking lot senior lot violation, of this section is a parking infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$50.~~

~~C. A City public parking lot may only be used for parking, unless an activity is expressly authorized by a City-issued permit, lease, or unless the activity is conducted by the City. A City issued permit includes a right of way obstruction permit under OMC 12.24.100, a temporary use permit under OMC 18.06.060.Z, or a festival event permit under OMC 12.72.030.~~

~~D. Overnight camping prohibited. A person may not camp overnight in any City public parking lot.~~

10.16.150 City Public parking lots and pay parking -- Fee schedules

The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may establish a fee schedule for City public parking lots and for pay parking spots and the fees established by the Director or designee apply to City public parking lots and parking spots as set forth in the schedule. -

10.16.160 City Public Parking Lots -- Violations – Penalty for violation

~~A. A person may not park a (1) No vehicle may remain parked in a City public parking lot without paying the required payment for parking in that lot, if any, or without displaying a proper parking permit issued by the City. A person may not leave a (2) No vehicle may be left parked in a City public parking lot past the time paid for or with an expired parking permit. ~~The owner of a~~ vehicle found parked in violation of this subsection ~~commits an unpaid space violation, a civil will receive a parking infraction, and is subject to the penalties in OMC 10.16.100(A).~~ Penalty for violation. A vehicle found parked in violation of this subsection commits an unpaid space parking infraction, subject to a penalty of \$28.00.~~

~~B. A person may not leave a No vehicle may remain parked in a City public parking lot for a period of time longer than the time permitted for parking in that parking lot, no matter the time paid for that parking lot (if any). ~~and the owner of a vehicle found in violation commits an overtime parking violation, a civil parking infraction, and is subject to the penalties in OMC 10.16.100(B).~~ A vehicle found parked in a timed space, for more than the allowed time in violation of this section will be issued an overtime parking infraction with a penalty based on the number of times the designated time period has been consecutively exceeded. The penalty for consecutive violation of timed parking limits for violating this subsection is as follows:~~

(1) The first time period exceeded constitutes a parking infraction designated overtime 1 with a penalty of \$28.

(2) The second time period exceeded constitutes a parking infraction designated overtime 2 with a penalty of \$50.

~~C. It is not a defense to a violation of subsection A(1) or A(2) above that a vehicle has been moved from one parking space to another within the parking lot if the vehicle remains in the lot at the end of the applicable time limit.~~

~~D. Moving Requirement for Permit Holders. A vehicle with a City public parking lot permit must be moved within the lot at least every 48 hours. It is a violation of OMC 10.16.100 B if a vehicle is not moved as required in this subsection, and the owner of a vehicle found in violation commits an overtime parking violation, a~~

~~civil infraction, and is subject to the penalties in OMC 10.16.100 B. In addition, if the vehicle is not moved within 48 hours of the issuance of a civil infraction as to that vehicle, the vehicle may be impounded as provided in OMC 10.16.300.~~

10.16.210 Prohibited parking -- Penalty for violation

- A. ~~A person shall park a vehicle~~Vehicles must be parked within pavement markings that indicate parking stalls.
- B. In areas that are posted with direction-specific parking, ~~a person shall park~~vehicles must be parked according to the direction indicated on signs.
- C. ~~A person may not park~~No non-City vehicles are allowed to be parked in an area designated and signed for City vehicles only.
- D. ~~The owner of a~~A vehicle found in violation of this section ~~commits a~~will be issued a civil parking infraction ~~and is subject to a penalty of \$28.00.~~

10.16.220 General parking prohibitions -- Penalty for violation

- A. ~~A person may not~~No vehicle may be found stopped, standing, or parked a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:
 - 1. On a sidewalk or planting strip;
 - 2. In front of a public or private driveway or within five feet of the curb radius leading thereto, except in the parking meter zone or elsewhere where official parking meters, signs, or pavement markings designate a parking space nearer a driveway;
 - 3. Within, or within 20 feet of, an intersection;
 - 4. Within 600 feet of any place in the City where a fire, or other emergency to which emergency services personnel is responding, is in progress;
 - 5. On any marked crosswalk;
 - 6. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway, except in the parking meter zone or elsewhere where official parking meters, signs, or pavement markings designate a parking space nearer such beacon, sign, or signal;
 - 7. Within 30 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
 - 8. Within 50 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire or police station or on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when official signs are posted;

9. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection except in the parking meter zone or elsewhere where official parking meters, signs, or pavement markings designate a parking space nearer a crosswalk;
10. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
11. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street (double parking);
12. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway, or within a highway tunnel or underpass;
13. At any place where official signs or markings prohibit stopping, standing, or parking;
14. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant;
15. On any street in such manner as to block or interfere with the free use of the street, or any alley or driveway;
16. Within 30 feet of a posted bus stop sign;
17. In any marked or designated bus zone;
18. Along one side of a street or highway in a direction opposite to the traffic flow (facing the wrong direction);
19. Alongside yellow curb or yellow stripe;
20. Within or blocking any alley;
21. In a parking space that has been reserve hooded, barricaded, or sandwich boarded with, by, or at the direction of City of Olympia Parking Services staff for construction or other special circumstances;
22. Within a designated bike lane; or
23. Within a cul-de-sac or turnaround area, pursuant to the requirements in OMC 16.32.050.

B. Penalties for Violation. ~~The owner of a~~ vehicle found in violation of this section ~~commits a~~ will be issued a restricted parking ~~violation~~infraction, a parking violation, a civil infraction and is subject to a penalty of \$95.00. If a vehicle is found in violation of this section a second time, without the vehicle being moved for a period of one hour, ~~the owner of the vehicle commits a~~ second restricted parking ~~violation, a civil infraction~~ will be issued, and is subject to an additional penalty of \$95.00. If a vehicle is found in violation of this section a third time, without the vehicle being moved for a period of one hour, ~~the owner of the vehicle commits another~~ restricted parking ~~penalty violation, a civil infraction~~ will be issued, and is subject to another an additional penalty of ~~seventy five and no/100 dollars~~ (\$95.00).

C. Pursuant to OMC [10.16.300](#)(A)(7), a vehicle that has been found in violation of this section or has been deemed a hazard to motorists or pedestrians may be impounded.

D. Pursuant to OMC [10.16.300](#)(A)(8) , a vehicle that has occupied a parking space for 12 hours after the meter has been hooded or the space has been barricaded or sandwich boarded may be impounded.

10.16.230 Limitations to free on-street Parking for those with disability placards -- Penalty for violation

A. ~~A person may park a vehicle~~ Vehicles displaying a special parking placard or special license plate issued for disabled parking pursuant to Chapter [46.19](#) RCW may park free without charge in any non-reserved, on-street pay parking space for a maximum of four hours, where the four hour time limit is posted.

B. The time limit does not apply to on street parking signed with the symbol designating that space for disabled parking only.

C. ~~The owner of a~~ vehicle found in violation of this section ~~commits will be issued a civil parking~~ infraction and is subject to a penalty as provided in OMC [10.16.080](#)(C) and OMC [10.16.100](#)(B).

10.16.240 Vanpools -- Definition

For purposes of OMC [10.16.240](#) through [10.16.260](#), the term "vanpool" means a ride-sharing vehicle as defined in RCW [46.74.010](#), ~~to wit:~~ A passenger motor vehicle with a seating capacity not exceeding 15 persons including the driver while being used for commuter ride sharing or for ride-sharing for the elderly and the handicapped. Definitions of other terms set forth in RCW Chapter [46.74](#) are also incorporated into this section by reference ~~as though fully set forth~~.

10.16.250 Vanpool -- Parking limitation exemptions

With a proper permit issued pursuant to this chapter, vanpools, while being used in the manner described in RCW [46.74](#), are exempt from the following:

- A. Payment at any nine-hour parking space located in the downtown area;
- B. Compliance with parking time limitations established in residential areas.

10.16.260 Vanpools -- Permits

The Director of ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~ Public Works or the Director's designee shall establish rules and regulations for the issuance of parking exemption permits for vanpools operating in accordance with RCW [46.74](#) and this chapter. Parking exemption rules may include time limitations for permits.

10.16.270 Delinquent Penalties

Any penalty imposed for a violation of any section in this chapter (including any sections of State law adopted by reference) that remains unpaid to the ~~Olympia Municipal Court~~ Thurston County District Court or if a payment schedule ~~therefor~~ is not arranged through the ~~Olympia Municipal Court~~ within ~~15-30~~ days of being assessed ~~are the penalty is~~ subject to increase or additional penalties may be added (or both) as follows:

A. The penalty for failure to respond to a notice of ~~civil parking~~ infraction related to parking is the amount of the infraction automatically increased by 100 percent, not to exceed a maximum of \$25.00;

B. If the penalty imposed for a violation of any section of this chapter, as increased, is not paid within 60 days of the date it was imposed:

1. The original unpaid balance plus any additional penalty will be turned over to a collection agency for collection and is subject to additional collection charges; and

2. The person assessed the penalty may be placed on the scofflaw list pursuant to OMC [10.16.280](#), and the person's vehicle may be subject to immobilization and/or impoundment ~~thereunder~~.

10.16.280 Parking Services' Scofflaw List

A. Creation of Scofflaw List. As frequently as practicable, the Director of ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~ Public Works or the Director's designee shall ~~will~~ prepare and update a scofflaw list, consisting of vehicles that have been issued three or more parking tickets, which have gone unpaid more than 60 days after their issuance.

B. Civil Penalties to Cover Administrative Costs. ~~The owner of a~~ A vehicle on the scofflaw list is subject to a civil penalty in the amount specified in OMC Section [4.60.020](#) "Vehicle Immobilization and Impoundment Costs, Fees, and Civil Penalties," to cover costs of administering the scofflaw list. ~~The owner of a~~ A vehicle on the scofflaw list that is immobilized or impounded under this chapter is subject to a civil penalty in the amount specified in OMC Section [4.60.020](#) "Vehicle Immobilization and Impoundment Costs, Fees, and Civil Penalties," to cover the additional administrative costs of immobilization and/or impoundment.

C. Notice. City Parking Services staff shall give notice by first class mail to the registered owner of a vehicle on the scofflaw list, stating that the vehicle is on the scofflaw list and:

1. The date and the nature of each ~~civil parking~~ infraction overdue and the amount due on each ~~civil parking~~ infraction;

2. That a scofflaw list fee in the amount specified in subsection B of this section has been imposed to cover administrative costs;

3. The total amount currently due;

4. A specific deadline for response, no less than 10 days after the date of mailing;

The notice required by this subsection is sufficient if mailed to the address provided by the Washington State Department of Licensing; provided, however, that if City Parking Services staff is unable, after exercising due diligence, to discover any mailing address, then notice is sufficient if it is published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, posted on the vehicle, or personally served on the vehicle owner or driver, or provided by any other means reasonably calculated to provide notice to the vehicle owner or driver.

D. That the owner shall, by the deadline stated on the notice, respond to the notice. Response must be by paying the total amount due or requesting a hearing pursuant to subsection G, below.

E. That if the vehicle owner fails to respond within the prescribed time period, the listed vehicle is subject to immediate immobilization or impoundment pursuant to the procedures in OMC [10.16.290](#), payment of the civil penalties imposed under subsection B above, and payment of the costs of immobilization, towing and storage.

F. If the vehicle owner or an agent of the owner pays the fines and fees, including the amount(s) specified in OMC [4.60.020](#) "Vehicle Immobilization Impoundment Costs, Fees, and Civil Penalties", and all towing and storage charges, City Parking Services shall remove such vehicle from the scofflaw list. If any ~~civil parking~~ ~~infraction for a parking violation~~ not included on the scofflaw list for which the owner is liable becomes overdue before the owner or agent appears to pay, the vehicle owner must also pay such subsequent infraction ~~must also be paid~~ before the vehicle is removed from the scofflaw list.

G. The owner of a vehicle that is subject to the procedures of this section and OMC [10.16.300](#), Impoundment, is entitled to a hearing in the ~~Olympia Municipal~~ Thurston County District Court pursuant to RCW [46.55.120](#)(2)(b) to contest the validity of the immobilization, impoundment, or the amount of towing and storage charges. Any request for a hearing ~~and the resolution thereof~~ must be as set forth in RCW [46.55.120](#)(3), which is hereby adopted by reference.

H. A parking permit for a City-leased parking lot may not be issued for a vehicle on the scofflaw list.

10.16.290 Immobilization

A. If the owner of a vehicle to whom notice has been sent pursuant to OMC [10.16.280](#)(C) fails to respond to the notice within the deadline specified in the notice by paying all fines, fees, towing, storage, and administrative charges then due, including the amount(s) specified in OMC [4.60.020](#) "Vehicle Immobilization and Impoundment Costs, Fees, and Civil Penalties" so that the vehicle can be removed from the scofflaw list under OMC [10.16.280](#)(F), then, at the discretion of Parking Services staff or a police officer, such vehicle may be immobilized by installing on such vehicle a device known as a "boot immobilization device," which immobilizes the vehicle either by clamps and locks on to a wheel of the vehicle and impedes movement of such vehicle, or by attaching to the vehicle's windshield in such a manner to obscure the view of the driver, thereby preventing legal operation of the vehicle. The subsection does not apply if the owner of a vehicle to whom notice has been sent pursuant to OMC [10.16.280](#)(C) requests a hearing pursuant to OMC [10.16.280](#)(G) during the pendency of the appeal.

B. The person installing the immobilization device shall leave under the windshield wiper or otherwise attach to such vehicle a notice advising the owner that such vehicle has been immobilized by the City of Olympia for failure to pay three- or more uncontested parking tickets within 60 days of their issuance, that release of the immobilization device may be obtained by paying the fines, fees, and civil penalties due, that unless such payments are made within two business days of the date of the notice, the vehicle will be impounded, and that it is unlawful for any person to remove or attempt to remove the immobilization device, to damage the immobilization device, or to move the vehicle with the immobilization device attached.

C. No parking restriction otherwise applicable to the vehicle applies while the vehicle is immobilized by an immobilization device installed under the provisions of this section.

D. Unless otherwise ordered by the ~~Olympia Municipal~~ Thurston County District Court following an appeal hearing, before the vehicle may be released from immobilization, the vehicle owner or an agent of the owner shall pay all fines and fees then due, including the amounts specified in OMC Section [4.60.020](#) "Vehicle Immobilization and Impoundment Costs, Fees, and Civil Penalties." Upon such payment, the vehicle must be

removed from the scofflaw list, and the City Parking Services staff shall authorize the removal of the immobilization device from the vehicle. If any ~~civil parking~~ ~~infraction for a parking violation~~ not included on the scofflaw list for which the owner is liable becomes overdue before the owner or agent pays, such subsequent infraction must also be paid before the vehicle may be removed from the scofflaw list or released from immobilization.

10.16.300 Impoundment

A. At the discretion of City Parking Services staff or a police officer, the following vehicles may be impounded:

1. A vehicle for which five or more ~~civil parking~~ ~~infractions for parking violations~~ have been issued that are unpaid 60 or more days after the date of their issuance, where the registered owner of the vehicle was sent a notice pursuant to OMC [10.16.280](#)(C) and the owner fails to respond to the notice within the deadline specified in the notice by paying all fines, fees, towing, storage, and administrative charges so that the vehicle can be removed from the scofflaw list under OMC [10.16.280](#)(F), or by requesting a hearing pursuant to OMC [10.16.280](#)(G); or
2. A vehicle that was immobilized pursuant to OMC Section [10.16.290](#) and the vehicle's owner failed to pay all fines, fees, and administrative charges within two- business days of the date the vehicle was immobilized so that the vehicle can be removed from the scofflaw list under OMC [10.16.280](#)(F); or
3. A vehicle for which three ~~civil parking~~ infractions for parking in violation of OMC [10.16.030](#) "Recreational Vehicles..." within any one calendar year and for which notice of impoundment has been securely attached to and conspicuously displayed on the vehicle 24 hours prior to such impoundment; or
4. A vehicle found in violation of OMC Section [10.16.055](#)(D)(3P) "Residential Parking Program..." and for which notice of impoundment has been securely attached to and conspicuously displayed on the vehicle 24 hours prior to such impoundment; or
5. A vehicle found in violation of OMC Section [10.16.160](#)(DF), "City Public Parking Lots..." ;
6. For Police Officers, As otherwise authorized by the Model Traffic Code as adopted by reference in the Olympia Municipal Code;
7. A vehicle for which a notice of ~~civil a parking~~ infraction has been issued ~~and where the vehicle is~~ deemed a hazard to motorists or pedestrians;
8. A vehicle that has occupied a pay parking space 12 hours after the space has been hooded, barricaded, or sandwich boarded for reservation, if the vehicle's ~~owner~~ has been issue a notice of ~~civil parking~~ infraction for a meter hood violation; or
9. A vehicle that has occupied a load zone for 24 hours, if ~~the vehicle's owner has been issued a~~ notice of ~~civil parking~~ infraction has been placed on the vehicle for citing a load zone violation.
10. A vehicle that is blocking access to City infrastructure at a properly signed location on City property or on City right of way in violation of OMC [10.16.045](#). ~~The vehicle may be immediately impounded if the~~

~~driver refuses to remove the vehicle after being informed by City staff that the vehicle is blocking access to City infrastructure and that it must be moved immediately. If no one responsible for the vehicle is on site with the vehicle and cannot be requested to remove the vehicle or if the driver is requested to move and refuses, City staff may immediately impound the vehicle at the owner's expense.~~

11. A vehicle for which three ~~civil parking~~ infractions have been issued for parking in violation of OMC 10.16.035 subsections B(1), B(2), or B(3) within any one calendar year and for which notice of impoundment has been securely attached to and conspicuously displayed on the vehicle 24 hours prior to such impoundment.

12. A vehicle found in violation of 10.16.040 that has been abandoned in the right of way for 24 hours for which notice of impoundment has been securely attached to and conspicuously displayed on the vehicle 72 hours prior to such impoundment.

B. The Parking Services Field Representative or police officer, as applicable, shall use the uniform impound authorization and inventory form provided for by administrative rule by the Washington State Patrol pursuant to RCW [46.55.075](#).

C. If a vehicle has been impounded pursuant to OMC [10.16.290](#), before the vehicle may be released from impound, the vehicle owner or an agent of the owner shall pay all fines and fees then owing, including the amounts specified in OMC [4.60.020](#) "Vehicle Immobilization and Impoundment Costs, Fees, and Civil Penalties", and all towing and vehicle storage charges. Upon such payment, the vehicle must be removed from the scofflaw list. If any ~~civil parking~~ ~~infraction for a parking violation~~ not included on the scofflaw list for which the owner is liable becomes overdue before the owner or agent pays, such subsequent infraction must also be paid before the vehicle may be removed from the scofflaw list or released from impoundment.

D. If a vehicle has been impounded for a violation of OMC [10.16.030](#), 10.16.040, 10.16.045, [10.16.055](#), or [10.16.160](#) the vehicle may be immediately released from impound upon payment of all impound, tow, and any other charges due the tow company.

10.16.310 Downtown Carpool Parking Program – Penalty for violation

A. There is hereby established a Downtown Carpool Parking Program (Program) within the City of Olympia downtown core. Program participants who are properly registered and in compliance with the requirements of this chapter may park without payment in any nine-hour parking space within the downtown core.

B. The Director of ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~Public Works or the Director's designee may establish policies and procedures for administration of the Program.

C. Definitions:

1. Downtown core: The area in the City of Olympia within the boundaries of Market Street to the North, 16th Street/Maple Park Avenue to the South, Capitol Lake/Budd Inlet to the West, and Eastside Street to the East.

2. Carpool: Two or more individuals who reside outside of the downtown core as defined in this chapter and who are each employed within the downtown core, commuting together in one vehicle to their respective places of employment.

D. Requirements and responsibilities for participation in the Downtown Carpool Parking Program.

1. The following requirements must be met in order to participate in the Program:

a. Each carpool member must individually:

- i. Submit all required information to the ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~ Public Works Department, Parking Services;
- ii. Reside outside of the downtown core and submit any proof of residency as may be required by Parking Services staff;
- iii. Be a current employee or employer of a business in the downtown core and submit proof of such status as may be required by Parking Services staff;
- iv. Timely pay the required administrative per-person fee to participate in the Program;
- v. Obtain from Parking Services a proper permit and display such permit together with at least one other member's permit on the dash of the carpool vehicle in plain view from the outside of the vehicle to be eligible to park free of nine hour charges for that day;
- vi. Immediately notify Parking Services of any change in status and provide current information.
- vii. Renew permit before the first day of the next month to maintain active permit status.

b. Each carpool driver must:

- i. Submit all driver and vehicle information to the ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~ Public Works Department, Parking Services, as Parking Services staff may require and pay any required fees;
- ii. Ensure that at least two carpool member permits are displayed on the dash of the carpool vehicle in plain view from the outside of the vehicle in order to be eligible to park free of nine hour charges for that day;
- iii. Maintain and provide proof of a valid vehicle registration and insurance for the vehicle participating in the Program;
- iv. Maintain and provide proof of a valid driver's license;
- v. Immediately notify Parking Services of any change in status and provide current information.

E. Violations/Penalties. Failure to follow any of the requirements of this chapter constitutes a violation and may result in any one or a combination of the following:

1. Suspension from the Program for a period of time established by the Director of ~~Community, Planning, and Economic Development~~Public Works or the Director's designee;
2. Denial of continued and/or future participation in the Program;
3. ~~Civil-Parking~~ infraction, ~~subjecting the violator~~subject to a penalty of \$40.00 ~~to the registered vehicle owner~~ for each violation.

10.16.320 Parking unregistered or unlicensed vehicles on ROW or other City property – Penalty for violation

- A. A person may not park a vehicle on City right of way or other City property unless a valid license plate is properly affixed to the vehicle and such license plate displays current registration tabs in compliance with Washington state law.
- B. If a vehicle is found in violation of this section, ~~the owner of the vehicle commits a~~ civil-parking ~~infractio~~n and ~~is~~will be issued and subject to a penalty of \$38.00.

Section 2. Amendment of OMC 10.20. Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 10.20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.20
MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

10.20.000 Chapter Contents

Sections:

- [10.20.010](#) One-way streets and alleys.
- [10.20.040](#) Curb-loading zone designation taxi zones – passenger and freight – Penalty for violation.
- [10.20.090](#) ~~Civil citation~~ Parking infraction authority -- Parking Services Field Representatives.

10.20.010 One-way streets and alleys

Upon those streets and parts of streets and in those alleys designated by the City as one way, a person may drive a vehicle only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited, and a person may drive a vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island only to the right of such island.

10.20.040 Curb-loading zone designation taxi zones – passenger and freight – Penalty for violation

The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may determine the location of passenger and freight curb-loading zones including taxi zones, and shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this section are applicable. A time limit of 15 to 30 minutes must be established in said areas.

- A. No person or business may be granted the right, use, or franchise for vehicle parking on any portion of the surface area of any public highway to the exclusion of any other like person or business.

B. ~~A person may use a~~Parking in an area designated as a loading zone will only be allowed with a permit or in a commercial vehicle as defined in RCW 46.04.1402 for the express purpose of loading/unloading passengers or merchandise, as indicated by posting of signs; a person-vehicle may not use be parked in a loading zone for any other purpose.

C. Merchandise is defined as large/bulky items that are in excess of 10 pounds.

D. Vehicles utilizing loading zones must have emergency flashers on.

E. ~~Penalty for Violation. A person who violates~~vehicle found in violation of this section commits will be issued a load zone violation, a civil parking infraction, and is subject to a penalty of \$\$95.00.

F. A vehicle for which a ~~civil parking~~ infraction has been issued for violation of this section may be impounded pursuant to OMC [10.16.300](#).

~~10.20.090 Civil citation~~Parking infraction authority -- Parking Services Field Representatives

City of Olympia Parking Services Field Representatives may issue ~~civil parking citations~~infractions for violation of the following:

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| OMC Section 10.16.020 | Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets-Penalty for violation |
| OMC Section 10.16.030 | Recreational vehicle parking on city streets over 24 hours prohibited without permit – Penalty for violation |
| OMC Section 10.16.055 | Residential Parking Program Established |
| <u>OMC Section 10.16.035</u> | <u>Vehicle Camping</u> |
| <u>OMC Section 10.16.040</u> | <u>Abandoned Vehicles</u> |
| <u>OMC Section 10.16.045</u> | <u>Blocking City Infrastructure</u> |
| <u>OMC Section 10.16.160</u> | <u>Leased Lots</u> |
| <u>OMC Section 10.16.230</u> | <u>ADA Overtime</u> |
| OMC Section 10.16.060 | Parking adjacent to schools |
| OMC Section 10.16.070 | Free parking zones |
| OMC Section 10.16.080 | Free p <u>arking limits-Penalty for violation</u> |
| OMC Section 10.16.100 | Overtime parking prohibited in pay parking areas <u>Pay Parking spaces – Parking without paying or when payment expired prohibited</u> -- Penalty for Violation |
| OMC Section 10.16.110 | Parking of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds within pay parking spaces |
| OMC Section 10.16.120 | Tampering with parking enforcement process is a violation |
| OMC Section 10.16.130 | Parking meters-Methods of fee payment: coins, prepaid cards, credit/debit cards and permits |

OMC Section 10.16.140	City parking lots-Regulations
OMC Section 10.16.210	Prohibited parking
OMC Section 10.16.220	General parking prohibitions
OMC Section 10.16.240	Vanpools-Definition
OMC Section 10.16.250	Vanpool-Parking limitation exemptions
OMC Section 10.16.260	Vanpools-Permits
OMC Section 10.18.020	Truck and Trailer Parking In Residential Areas – Unlawful in residential areas
OMC Section 10.20.040	Curb-loading zone designation taxi zones – passenger and freight
RCW 46.19.050	Special parking for disabled persons -- Penalties -- Enforcement.
RCW 46.08.185	Electric vehicle charging stations – Signage – Penalty.

Section 3. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances remain unaffected.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Declaration of Emergency and Effective Date. For the reasons set forth in the legislative recitals above, the Olympia City Council finds that a public emergency exists and in order to protect the public health, safety, property and general welfare, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.



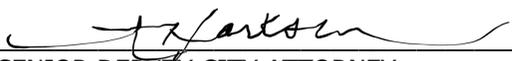
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ATTEST:



 CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

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