Summary of Parking Ordinance Changes

Chapter	Section	Item	Suggested Change	Explanation
10.16.020	Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets	B & C	Additional penalties and option to impound vehicle	Increase disincentives for illegal parking
10.16.030	Recreational vehicle parking on city streets over 24 hours or between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. prohibited without permit	B.1	Adding 'conversion vans' to list	New type of vehicle not currently covered in OMC
10.16.055	Residential Parking Program See Parking Strategy 5.4	B.4 & D.3.b	Change fee from \$10/year to \$60/year for zones within Downtown boundary (4, 5, 7, and 8)	Per strategy, on-street downtown parking should be comparable to off-street market rates to prioritize short term use at the curb and encourage off-street parking for residential long-term use.
10.16.070	Free parking areas	Section header, A, & B	Changing 'area' to 'zone', adding 'one hour' to list of zones	The term 'zone' is industry standard. 'Area' comes across as amorphous.
10.16.110	Parking of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds within metered parking spaces	C.1 & C.2	Restricting parking to motor driven cycles only and adding penalty.	This prohibits small cars from using motorcycle stalls
10.16.120	Tampering with parking enforcement process is a violation	B & C	Specifying meter hoods and signs as enforcement process and replacing "boot" with "immobilization device"	Needed explicit prohibition on tampering with signs and meter hoods, and boots may be joined by 'barnacles', which affix to the windshield.
10.16.130	Parking Meters - Methods of fee payment: coins, prepaid cards, credit or debit cards, and permits Related to Parking Strategy 1.1	Header	changing 'parking meters' to 'metered parking'. Also cleaning up overly-complicated language.	Allows for broader use of payment devices, including mobile pay-by-phone options.
10.16.140	City parking lots Regulations		Specifying that Senior permits are required for parking at the Olympia Center on-site lot	clears up confusion about who is allowed to park at lot
10.16.150	City parking lots and meters - Fee schedules		changing 'parking meters' to 'metered parking'	Allows for broader use of payment devices, including mobile pay-by-phone options.
10.16.210	Prohibited parking	С	Add city-vehicle designated spaces to prohibited parking	Need explicit prohibition on parking in spaces reserved for city vehicles
10.16.220	General parking prohibitions	A.21, B, C and D	Add meter hoods, cones, and barricades to list of prohibited parking, remove exception to subsection A14 (fire hydrant), specifying "one hour" as period between citations, and allowing for impoundment for hazardous vehicles after 3 citations or 24 hours after a meter was hooded	Need explicit prohibition on parking at barricades and meter hoods, clarifying fee for parking at a fire hydrant, and enabling parking services to move hazardous vehicles
10.16.230	Disabled parking See Parking Strategy 7.3	New Ordinance	Add ordinance establishing time limits for disabled parking at meters and in timed zones	Without a time limit, disabled placards function as a universal parking permit, encouraging misuse. The 4-hour limit is consistent with State Law.

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10.16.270	Penalties		shortening timeframe for latefees	This relates to shortening timeframe for immobilization and impoundment (10.16.280-300)
10.16.280	Parking Services' Scofflaw List	A & G	A) Reducing number of tickets from eight to three, and time period from sixty to thirty G) Remove "and OMC Section 10.16.290, Immobilization,"	A) constraining the number of tickets and days prevents the excessive accumulation of citations which often leads to fine amounts greater than the value of the vehicle, leading to abandonment. G) A hearing for an immobilized vehicle would prevent vehicle from being impounded, leaving it on the street for days, if not weeks.
10.16.290	Immobilization See Parking Strategy 1.1	A, B, C, and D	A-D) Changing "boot" to "immobilization device" and describe barnacle B) Reducing number of tickets from eight to three, and time period from sixty to thirty	A-D) Immobilization technology changing to include other methods of immobilizing vehicles B) constraining the number of tickets and days prevents the excessive accumulation of citations which often leads to fine amounts greater than the value of the vehicle, leading to abandonment.
10.16.300	Impoundment	A.1 & A.7-9	A.1) Reducing number of tickets from twelve to five, and time period from sixty to thirty A.7-9) Adding hazardous vehicles with 3 consecutive restricted citations, 12 hour hooded meters, and vehicles in load zones with 3 consecutive citations over 24 hours	A.1) constraining the number of tickets and days prevents the excessive accumulation of citations which often leads to fine amounts greater than the value of the vehicle, leading to abandonment. A.7-9) Having the authority to impound allows business to continue, reduces chaos.
10.16.310	Downtown Carpool Parking Program	A, D.1.a.vii.	Changing "free of" to "without" and requiring permit renewal by first of following month.	"free" can give the false impression that the permit is free, and the code needed specificity pertaining to the renewal deadline.
10.16.320	Expired or improper license plates	New Ordinance	Prohibits parking in right-of-way with improperly displayed plates	RCW requires valid registration to operate vehicle, but it is often difficult to catch operators in the act. \$30 penalty encourages responsible vehicle ownership
10.20.040	Curb-loading zone designation taxi zones– passenger and freight	Header, B, D, and E	Adding "with permit", removing "bus stops", adding chain violations, and option to impound	Loading zones are important to the movement of products and services. Restricting access via permits, increasing the penalties, and adding the option to impound an offending vehicle will return the flow of commerce back to normal faster.
10.20.100	State Law adopted by reference	adding/updating RCW	Add 46.55.113 - Removal by police officer - definition	RCW authorizes police to impound vehicles on the right of way with expired tabs over 45 days or illegally occupying a handicap parking stall or commercial loading zone

Updated Fine Table

Fine increases were reported to City Council September 24th

Citation	Current	Proposed
Expired Meter	\$15	\$20
Overtime Parking	\$15	\$20
Chain Parking	\$30	\$40
Improper Motorcycle Parking	\$30	\$40
Tampering	\$30	\$40
Unpermitted Lease Lot	\$30	\$40
Prohibited parking 10.16.210	\$15	\$20
Restricted Parking	\$75	\$75
Carpool Violation	\$30	\$40
Expired Registration	New	\$30