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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 27, 2026
TO: Public Property, Safety and Works Committee
FROM: Tara Vasicek, City Administrator
RE: Downtown Parking Regulations and Changes for Consideration

DISCUSSION:

The City's existing downtown parking regulations are established under Resolution R04-123. This resolution outlines where two-hour parking restrictions apply, where they have been removed, and where overnight parking is prohibited. Recent discussions regarding downtown parking have highlighted concerns related to the existing two-hour parking limits and inconsistent compliance. As context, all public parking spaces are currently subject to a general 24-hour limit, with additional two-hour restrictions applied in only the select downtown areas detailed in R04-123.

Current Regulations:

- **Two-hour parking restrictions** are in place Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (excluding holidays) on designated downtown streets and avenues.
- **Handicapped parking spaces** and select courthouse-adjacent spaces are exempt from these time limits.
- **Overnight parking restrictions** currently prohibit parking from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Mondays on specific downtown corridors to accommodate maintenance activities.

Proposed Changes:

At its most recent meeting, the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) reviewed parking concerns in detail and advanced a recommendation to the Public Property Committee. The recommendation proposes removing the two-hour parking restriction on downtown avenues where it exists currently, thereby reverting those areas to the standard 24-hour limit. They recommend continuing with the 2-hour limit on 13th and 14th Street as specified.

This approach reflects a balanced compromise, supporting both short-term parking needs for customers and longer-term parking for employees, residents, and extended visits.

In addition, the Public Works Division has requested an amendment of the no-parking window on select roadways from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. to facilitate routine street sweeping and snow removal operations. This request was discussed with the BID and did not raise concerns.

No change is recommended to the handicapped spaces or spaces adjacent to the courthouse.

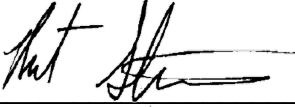
1. Removal of Two-Hour Parking Restrictions on Avenues

- Two-hour parking limits would be **removed from key downtown avenues**, particularly along 25th, 26th, and 27th Avenues between 12th and 14th Streets.
- These areas would revert to the standard 24-hour parking limit.

2. Updated Overnight Parking Restrictions (2:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.)


- Existing overnight restrictions would be modified and expanded as follows:
 - Every Tuesday year-round: No parking from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
 - Seasonal (November 1 – March 31): No parking during the same hours on any day when snow has occurred or is forecasted
- Affected locations include:
 - 27th Avenue (12th–13th Streets)
 - 28th Avenue (12th–13th Streets)
 - 13th Street (23rd–30th Avenues)

CONCURRENCE:

By: 
Bret Strecker, Police Chief

By: 
Chuck Sliva, Director of Public Works

SIGNATURE:

Approved By: 

RESOLUTION NO. R04-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA AMENDING RESOLUTION R04-31 SO AS TO REMOVE THE TWO HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION FROM THE DOWNTOWN STREETS AND AVENUES AS LISTED BELOW; TO CREATE TWO HOUR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE DOWNTOWN STREETS AND AVENUES AS LISTED BELOW; TO EXEMPT FROM THE TWO HOUR PARKING TIME LIMIT THOSE CURRENTLY DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AS WELL AS SELECTED PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA OF THE PLATTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE; AND TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00 A.M. AND 5:00 A.M. ON MONDAYS; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF COLUMBUS STREET DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNS IN ACCORDANCE HEREWITH; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THEREAFTER ENFORCE THE SAME.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA that the two hour parking restriction (Monday through Friday, except legal holidays) be removed from the following streets and avenues:

West side of	29 th Avenue from 14 th Street north 66 feet
South side of	13 th Street from 30 th Avenue to 23 rd Avenue
North side of	13 th Street from 28 th Avenue to 23 rd Avenue
East side of	28 th Avenue from 14 th Street to alley between 14 th and 15 th Street
West side of	28 th Avenue from 14 th Street to alley between 14 th and 15 th Street
East side of	28 th Avenue from 13 th Street to alley between 13 th and 14 th Street
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East side of	28 th Avenue from 12 th Street to 13 th Street
West side of	28 th Avenue from 12 th Street to alley between 12 th and 13 th Street
West side of	26 th Avenue from 14 th Street to alley between 14 th and 15 th Street
East side of	26 th Avenue from 14 th Street to alley between 14 th and 15 th Street
East side of	25 th Avenue from 14 th to 15 th Street

East side of	27 th Avenue from 12 th to 14 th Street
West side of	27 th Avenue from 12 th to 14 th Street
West side of	25 th Avenue from 14 th to 15 th Street
East side of	24 th Avenue from 13 th to 14 th Street
West side of	24 th Avenue from 13 th to 14 th Street
West side of	24 th Avenue from 12 th to 13 th Street
East side of	23 rd Avenue from 14 th Street to alley between 14 th and 13 th Street
West side of	23 rd Avenue from 14 th to 13 th Street
South side of	11 th Street from 27 th to 23 rd Avenue
North side of	11 th Street from 24 th to 26 th Avenue
East side of	26 th Avenue from 11 th Street north to UPRR
East side of	25 th Avenue from 11 th Street north to UPRR
West side of	25 th Avenue from 11 th Street north to UPRR
East side of	26 th Avenue from 11 th Street south to alley between 11 th & 10 th Street
West side of	26 th Avenue from 11 th Street south to alley between 11 th & 10 th Street
East side of	25 th Avenue from 11 th Street south to alley between 11 th & 10 th Street
West side of	25 th Avenue from 11 th Street south to alley between 11 th & 10 th Street
East side of	24 th Avenue from 11 th Street south to alley between 11 th & 10 th Street
North side of	12 th Street from 29 th to 30 th Avenue
North side of	12 th Street from 26 th to 25 th Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two hour parking (Monday through Saturday (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except legal holidays) be created on the following streets and avenues:

- North side of 13th Street from 30th to 23rd Avenue
- South side of 13th Street from 30th to 23rd Avenue
- North side of 14th Street from 24th to 27th Avenue
- South side of 14th Street from 24th to 27th Avenue

~~East side of 27th Avenue from 14th to 12th Street~~
~~West side of 27th Avenue from 14th to 12th Street~~
~~East side of 26th Avenue from 14th to 12th Street~~
~~West side of 26th Avenue from 14th to 12th Street~~
~~East side of 25th Avenue from alley between 14th & 15th St. to 12th Street~~
~~West side 25th Avenue from alley between 14th & 15th St. to 12th Street~~

BE IT RESOLVED that handicapped designated parking spaces in downtown Columbus, are exempt from the two hour parking limit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall not be applicable to parking spaces surrounding the Platte County Courthouse which have been posted with shorter time limit restrictions, such parking spaces remain subject to such ordinances or resolutions establishing shorter parking time limits;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ~~a no parking restriction shall be in effect is not allowed in for~~ the following ~~streets and avenues as follows: locations: between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. on Mondays:~~

On 27th Avenue from 12th to ~~13th 14th~~ Street;

- ~~Every day from November 1st through March 31st when it has snowed or if snow is in the forecast, from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.~~

On 28th Avenue from 12th to ~~13th 14th~~ Street;

- ~~Every Tuesday year-round, from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.~~
- ~~Every day from November 1st through March 31st when it has snowed or if snow is in the forecast, from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.~~

On 13th Street from ~~27th 23rd~~ to ~~28th 30th~~ Avenue; and

- ~~Every Tuesday year-round, from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.~~
- ~~Every day from November 1st through March 31st when it has snowed or if some is in the forecast, from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.~~

~~On the south side of 14th Street from 27th to 28th Avenue.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Columbus Street Department be authorized to remove and install signs in accordance herewith and the Columbus Police Department is hereinafter authorized to enforce the same.

This resolution shall amend Resolution No. R04-31.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER /s/ Joe Jarecke

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7 DAY OF September, 2004.

/s/ Gary Giebelhaus
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda L. Walters
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

/s/ Eugene G. Schumacher
CITY ATTORNEY
