

**PRESS RELEASE**

August 14, 2018

**Downtown Parking Restrictions to Begin August 29.**

On May 13, 2019, City Council approved changes to parking restrictions in the downtown area. These changes include simplifying most of the timed restrictions to three-hours and updating the current parking permit option for residents. These changes came following staff meetings with the Downtown Merchant Group and residents living in the downtown area and additional feedback received by the Police Department in response to enforcement. On August 12, 2019, City Council approved final changes to the parking restrictions, including the removal of the cost of the downtown resident permit.

In order to allow residents time to adjust to the new parking restrictions, a two-week grace period will run from Wednesday, August 14 to Wednesday, August 28. Individuals who violate parking restrictions during this time will not be ticketed. Instead, a green notice warning of parking changes will be placed on vehicles in violation. Full enforcement of parking restrictions will go into effect on Thursday, August 29.

The amendments simplify downtown parking restrictions by converting nearly all on-street spaces and spaces in the Embree, Pond, and Van Buer lots to three-hour parking between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This restriction should allow shoppers enough time during the day to visit multiple businesses without being ticketed.

**3 HOUR PARKING  
6:00 AM TO 6:00 PM  
UNRESTRICTED PARKING  
6:00 PM TO 2:00 AM  
NO PARKING  
2:00 AM TO 6:00 AM**

**UNRESTRICTED PARKING  
6:00 AM TO 2:00 AM  
NO PARKING  
MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS  
2:00 AM TO 6:00 AM**

Shoppers and downtown visitors planning for longer stays in the evening can park in these spaces between 3:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. without worry of being ticketed since the three-hour restriction ends at 6:00 p.m. and the overnight restriction does not begin until 2:00 a.m.

In nine public parking lots, downtown residents will have the option to obtain a limited number of parking permits. Designated spaces will be available only to residents with a residential permit. Residents or guests can continue to park for free on a first come/first served basis in those same lots while adhering to the overnight parking restrictions.

**UNRESTRICTED PARKING  
6:00 AM TO 2:00 AM**  
**NO PARKING  
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
2:00 AM TO 6:00 AM**

Residential Permit applications are processed by the Police Department and are available for free. Applications can be found on the City website's [here](#) or in person at the Police Department.

