

ORDINANCE NO. 15-065

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE TWO HOUR PARKING SECTIONS OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY CODE OF GALVESTON, 1982, AS AMENDED," CHAPTER 34 "TRAFFIC," ARTICLE V, "STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING," DIVISION 1, "GENERALLY", TO CLARIFY TWO HOUR PARKING REGULATIONS; TO IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE THE "DOWNTOWN PARKING AREA" AND PROVIDE FOR TWO HOUR PARKING REGULATIONS; TO AMEND THE FINE PROVISION FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 15-020 on March 12, 2015, and Ordinance No. 15-027 on April 23, 2015, amending sections in Chapter 34 "Traffic" which incorporated revisions in the City Code per the City Council's direction on the "Downtown Paid Parking Program" and any other City paid parking system later created; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, deems it in the public interest to amend Chapter 34 "Traffic," Article V, "Stopping, Standing or Parking," Division 1 "Generally" of the City Code by clarifying two hour parking regulations, by identifying and designating the "Downtown Parking area and amending the fine provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Section 34-117 of Chapter 34 "Traffic," Article V "Stopping, Standing or Parking," Division 1 "Generally" of the City Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 34-117. - Two-hour limited parking between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; exemption with parking permit.

(a) Except as exempted herein, there shall be a maximum of two (2) hours of parking allowed per block, per calendar day.

(b) Vehicles may not re-park in the same city block, per calendar day. It shall be a violation for any person to park a vehicle in excess of two hours in any given parking space or designated area, if the vehicle has not been moved into another city block.

(c) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for a period longer than two (2) hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of any day in the following locations, unless exempt by displaying on the rear window a "resident parking permit" or displaying in the front window a "visitor parking permit" as issued by the City of Galveston. The city manager shall provide written criteria for city staff to use in determining if a resident or

visitor parking permit should be issued. A vehicle displaying a "resident parking permit" or a "visitor parking permit" shall not be exempt from other parking rules and regulations, including but not limited to, abandoned motor vehicle laws and overweight commercial vehicles.

~~(1) Reserved.~~

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~~(4) Reserved.~~

(1 5) Postoffice Street from 19th Street to 17th Street on both sides;

(2 6) Church Street from 19th Street to 17th Street on both sides;

(3 7) 18th Street from Postoffice Street to Winnie Street on both sides;

(4 8) 6th Street to 14th Street from Market Street to Broadway;

(5 9) 14th Street, Broadway to Port Industrial, east and west sides;

~~(10) Reserved.~~

(6 11) 17th Street from Avenue D to Avenue G, both sides;

(7 12) 15th Street, between Mechanic and Market Streets on both sides, 15th Street, between Market and Postoffice Streets on the east side and 15th Street, between Postoffice and Winnie Streets, both sides;

(8 13) Avenue C from 14th to 15th Streets, both sides;

(9 14) Avenue E from 14th to 15th Streets, both sides;

(10 15) Avenue F from 14th to 15th Streets, both sides;

(11 16) Avenue G from 14th to 15th Streets, both sides;

(12 17) 18th Street from Avenue D to Avenue E, both sides;

(13 18) 15th Street (west side) between Avenue A and Avenue B;

(14 19) 16th Street (both sides) between Avenue A and Avenue C;

(15 20) 18th Street (east side) between Avenue B and Avenue C;

(16 21) Avenue B (north side) between 15th and 16th Streets;

(17 22) Avenue B (both sides) between 16th and 17th Streets;

(18 23) Avenue B (south side) between 17th and 18th Streets;

(19 24) Avenue C (both sides) between 16th and 18th Streets;

(20 25) Market Street from 18th to 19th Street, except for East End residential parking permits, and from 19th to 26th Streets on both sides;

(21 26) Postoffice Street from 15th to 16th Streets (south side), except for East End residential parking permits, and 19th to Rosenberg Avenue on both sides.

(22 27) The east side of 19th Street from Church Street to the alley between Winnie and Church Street.

- (23 28) Market Street from 14th to 15th Streets (both sides);
- (24 29) Market Street from 15th to 16th Streets (north side);
- (25 30) Market Street from 16th to 18th Streets (both sides).

Sec. 34-117.5. - Two-hour limited parking between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(a) As provided herein, there shall be a maximum of two (2) hours of parking allowed per block, per calendar day.

(b) Vehicles may not re-park in the same city block, per calendar day. It shall be a violation for any person to park a vehicle in excess of two hours in any given parking space or designated area, if the vehicle has not been moved to another city block.

(c) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for a period longer than two (2) hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any day in the following locations:

Sec. 34-117a. - Pleasure Pier residential parking area—Two-hour limited parking; exemption with parking permit.

(a) Except as exempted herein, there shall be a maximum of two (2) hours of parking allowed per block, per calendar day.

(b) Vehicles may not re-park in the same city block, per calendar day. It shall be a violation for any person to park a vehicle in excess of two hours in any given parking space or designated area if the vehicle has not been moved to another city block.

(c) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for a period longer than two (2) hours of any day in the following locations, unless exempt by displaying on the rear window a "resident parking permit" or displaying in the front window a "visitor parking permit" as issued by the city. The city manager shall provide written criteria for city staff to use in determining if a resident or visitor parking permit should be issued. A vehicle displaying a "resident parking permit" or a "visitor parking permit" shall not be exempt from other parking rules and regulations, including but not limited to, abandoned motor vehicle laws and overweight commercial vehicles.

Sec. 34-117b. - Seawall residential parking district—Two-hour limited parking; exemption with parking permit.

(a) Except as exempted herein, there shall be a maximum of two (2) hours of parking allowed per block, per calendar day.

(b) Vehicles may not re-park in the same city block, per calendar day. It shall be a violation for any person to park a vehicle in excess of two hours in any given parking space or designated area if the vehicle has not been moved to another city block.

(c) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for a period longer than two (2) hours ~~of any day~~ in the following locations, unless exempt by displaying on the rear window a "resident parking permit" or displaying in the front window a "visitor parking permit" as issued by the city. The city manager shall provide written criteria for city staff to use in determining if a resident or visitor parking permit should be issue. A vehicle displaying a "resident parking permit" or a "visitor parking permit" shall not be exempt from other parking rules and regulations, including but not limited to, abandoned motor vehicle laws and overweight commercial vehicles.

Sec. 34-117c. – Downtown parking district—Two-hour limited parking between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(a) The Downtown parking district shall be designated as the area located from 20th Street up to 25th Street; and from Harborside up to Church Street.

(b) As provided herein, there shall be a maximum of two (2) hours of parking allowed per block, per calendar day.

(c) Vehicles may not re-park in the same city block, per calendar day. It shall be a violation for any person to park a vehicle in excess of two hours in any given parking space or designated area if the vehicle has not been moved to another city block.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this chapter and the state vehicle code prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 34, “Traffic”, Article VII., Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”, is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 34- 184. Civil parking violations; fines, costs, and fees.

(d) The following schedule of fines, fees, and costs is established:

Parking Violation	Standard fine payment including court costs*	Late fine payment (after 14 days) including court costs*

Over-parked Downtown Parking District	\$17.00	\$21.25

SECTION 4. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 6. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of the City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be and become effective upon its adoption and after publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONNA M. FAIRWEATHER
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its Regular Meeting held on August 27, 2015, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston on _____, 2015.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston