

ORDINANCE NO. 022 -2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 102 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF  
THE CITY OF OTTAWA, LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
(Parking)

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA, ILLINOIS,  
AS FOLLOWS:

**Section One:** That Section 102-151(b) of the Code of Municipal Ordinances of the City of Ottawa is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (b) Any vehicle that violates or fails to comply with section 102-161, the owner of that vehicle shall be fined \$25.00 for each offense if the owner pays within ten days of receiving the ticket. Upon failure of the owner to pay the fine within ten days, then the owner shall be fined not less than \$50.00 and not exceeding \$250.00 for each offense.

**Section Two:** That Section 102-162 of the Code of Municipal Ordinances of the City of Ottawa is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 102-162 – Standing for loading and unloading only.**

- (a) No person will stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time in any place marked by a white curb except for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, which must not exceed three (3) minutes, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Sundays and holidays.
- (b) No person will stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time in any place marked by an orange curb except for the expeditious loading, unloading, or delivery of materials, which must not exceed thirty (30) minutes, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Sundays and holidays.
- (c) All persons operating freight-carrying vehicles to any store in the business district of the city where such store has an alley entrance, must only load and unload freight, merchandise, or other goods and materials to and from the store at the alley entrance during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Section Three:** That Section 102-169 of the Code of Municipal Ordinances of the City of Ottawa is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 102-169. – Immediate Towing.**

- (a) Any vehicle parked in violation of any provision of Section 102-168 is subject to an immediate tow as provided in Section 102-168.

- (b) Any vehicle parked in a designed permit parking lot without a visible and valid parking permit for the specific designated lot in violation of Section 102-171 and/or Section 102-224 is subject to an immediate tow by a commercial towing service. All vehicles towed must be restored to the owner or operator of such vehicle upon payment to the commercial towing service of the actual cost of towing and storage of such vehicle.
- (c) Any towing or storage fees imposed hereunder are separate from and in addition to any fine or penalty imposed pursuant to this Chapter for the parking violation.

**Section Four:** That Section 102-171 of the Code of Municipal Ordinances of the City of Ottawa is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 102-171. – Designation of City Parking Lots.**

- (a) *Permit Parking Lots.* The following City parking lots are hereby designated as permit parking lots specifically for persons living downtown or for employees of businesses within certain zoning districts:
  - (1) Lot A – the parking lot also known as Lincoln Place Lot
  - (2) Lot B – the parking lot also known as the Woodward Memorial Lot and the parking lot at the northeast corner of Clinton St. and Woodward Memorial Dr.
  - (3) Lot C – the parking lot also known as the Radium Dial lot and the parking lot at the southeast corner of Clinton St. and Jefferson St.
  - (4) Lot CH – parking lot by City Hall.
  - (5) Lot D – parking lot by AT&T
  - (6) Lot E – parking lot at the southwest corner of Madison St. and Columbus St.
- (b) *Permit Parking Times.* The above designated permit parking lots will be permit parking only lots from the business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and only vehicles with a visible and valid parking permit for the specific designated parking lot will be permitted to park in said designated parking lots during those days and hours. No parking permit will be required to park in said designated parking lots on Saturday, Sunday, holidays, and outside the business hours identified herein.
- (c) *Eligibility for Parking Permits.* Eligibility for parking permits to park in the designated parking lot is determined by Division 3 of this Article.
- (d) *Penalties.* Any vehicle parked in a designated permit parking lot during the days and hours of permit parking without a visible and valid permit for the specific designated permit parking lot will be subject to a fine not less than \$50.00 and not exceeding \$250.00 for each offense. Disputes regarding such tickets issued will be resolved pursuant to chapter 3 of this Municipal Code.
- (e) *Non-Permit Parking Lots.* All other City parking lots not identified in Section (a) above may be used for living, working, shopping, and all other commerce in the City and no permit will be required to park in the non-permit City parking lots at any time.

**Section Five:** That Division 3 in Article 3 of Chapter 102 of the Code of Municipal Ordinances of the City of Ottawa is hereby deleted in its entirety and is hereby replaced by the addition of a new Division 3 in Article 3 of Chapter 102, which will be amended to read as follows:

**DIVISION 3. – PARKING PERMITS**

**Sec. 102-221. – Eligibility.**

- (a) Any business located in C-4, C-5, and C-6 zoning classifications may receive parking permits for their employees to park in a designated permit parking lot. For this division the businesses located in C-4, C-5, and C-6 will be identified as “eligible business”.
- (b) Any individual residing downtown may receive a parking permit to park in a designated permit parking lot. For this division only, downtown is described as south of Jackson Street, north of Woodward Memorial Drive/Lincoln Place, east of Clinton Street and west of the Fox River.
- (c) A building owner who leases residential units downtown may receive a parking permit(s) for use by his/her residential tenants.

**Sec. 102-223. – Issuance of Parking Permits.**

- (a) *Application.* To receive a parking permit(s), a representative of an eligible business, a downtown resident, or an owner of downtown residential units may submit an application to the Ottawa Police Department on a prescribed form. As part of this application, the downtown resident or owner of downtown residential units must provide proof of residency downtown or ownership of residential unit(s) downtown.
- (b) *Outstanding Fines.* Any applicant who has any outstanding parking fees or fines will not be issued a parking permit(s) until all parking fees and fines have been paid in full.
- (c) *Assigned Permit Parking Lot.* The applicant may request a specific designated permit parking lot to receive a permit for; however, the Chief of Police or his designee will have sole discretion as to which permit parking lot the applicant will receive a permit to park in. When issuing the parking permit for a specific lot, the Chief of Police or his designee will consider the number of spots in the requested lot and the location of the business or residence(s).
- (d) *Number of Permits Issued.* When the applicant is a business or owner of multiple residential units, the Chief of Police or his designee will have sole discretion in determining the number of permits issued to that business or owner based upon the requested number of parking permits, number employees or residential tenants, and available spots in the permit parking lots.
- (e) *Fee.* There is no fee to submit an application or obtain a parking permit.

**Section 102-224. – Permit rules and regulations.**

- (a) *Parking.* Individuals with parking permits must only park in the designated permit parking lot as assigned and identified by the permit. Individuals may not park in any other designated permit parking lots not identified by the permit, regardless of if the assigned permit parking lot is full.
- (b) *Permit.* All parking permits issued will be a mirror tag and the permit must be displayed by hanging the permit over the review mirror, so the permit is clearly visible through the front windshield from outside the vehicle. If a permit is not visually displayed through the front windshield, the permit will not be considered valid, and the individual will be in violation of this division and may be found in violation of other provisions of this chapter.
- (c) *Permits are assignable, but not transferable.* An eligible business or owner of residential units may assign permits to different employees of that business or different residential tenants residing in their units. However, individuals may not transfer the permit to another individual, businesses may not transfer permits to other businesses, and owners of residential units may not transfer to new or other owners. The permit(s) will only be valid for the individual, business, or owner on the original permit application.
- (f) *Term.* There is no term for the permit, but the permit must be return to the Ottawa Police Department if the individual is no longer residing downtown, if the building owner no longer owns the residential units, or if the eligible business is no longer doing business in one of the required zoning classifications.
- (g) *Damage to permit.* It is unlawful for any person to deface, damage, change, alter, or duplicate any parking permit issued.
- (h) *Replacement of permit.* If any permit is damaged, destroyed, lost, or stolen, the individual, business, or owner may receive a replacement permit upon the payment of \$25.00.
- (i) *Restrictions on parking.* Individuals must abide by loading zone areas, handicapped parking spaces, and any other parking space restrictions at all times in their designated permit parking lot. Individuals must also abide by snow removal parking restrictions in the designated lots as stated in 102-168 of this Code.
- (j) *Other parking regulations.* When parking in designated permit parking lots, the individual must follow all other parking rules and regulations provided for in this chapter and must park within the marked lines whenever they are provided, designating individual spaces.
- (k) *License.* This issuance of the parking permit constitutes a license to park in public areas and neither the city nor any officer, employee, or agent, will be liable for any loss, damage, or injury growing out of or connected with the use of the designated locations, or to such vehicle or its contents or for the loss or theft thereof.
- (l) *No guarantee of availability.* The issuance of the parking permit does not guarantee the availability of spots in the assigned designated permit parking lot.

(m) *Revocation.* Any permit issued under this division may be revoked at any time by the city council or its designee.

**Sec. 102-225. – Violations.**

- (a) If an individual, owner of residential units, or eligible business transfer a permit in violation of Section 102-224(d), or defaces, changes, alters, or duplicates a parking permit, the permit may be revoked by the city council or its designee, in addition to the penalties provided in section 1-11 of this Municipal Code.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, any individual in violation of any parking provision of this division or chapter will be fined not less than \$50.00 and not exceed \$250.00 for each offense.
- (c) All violations of this division will be resolved pursuant to Chapter 3 of this Municipal Code.

**Section Six:** That Division 5 in Article 3 of Chapter 102 of the Code of Municipal Ordinances of the City of Ottawa is hereby amended as follows:

That Division 5 in Article 3 of Chapter 102 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**Section Seven:** Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict with the provisions of this amendatory ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section Eight:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on September 1, 2023.

	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Eichelkraut	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Commissioner Ganiere	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Commissioner Pearson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Commissioner Barron	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Mayor Hasty	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

  
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**Robert Hasty, Mayor**

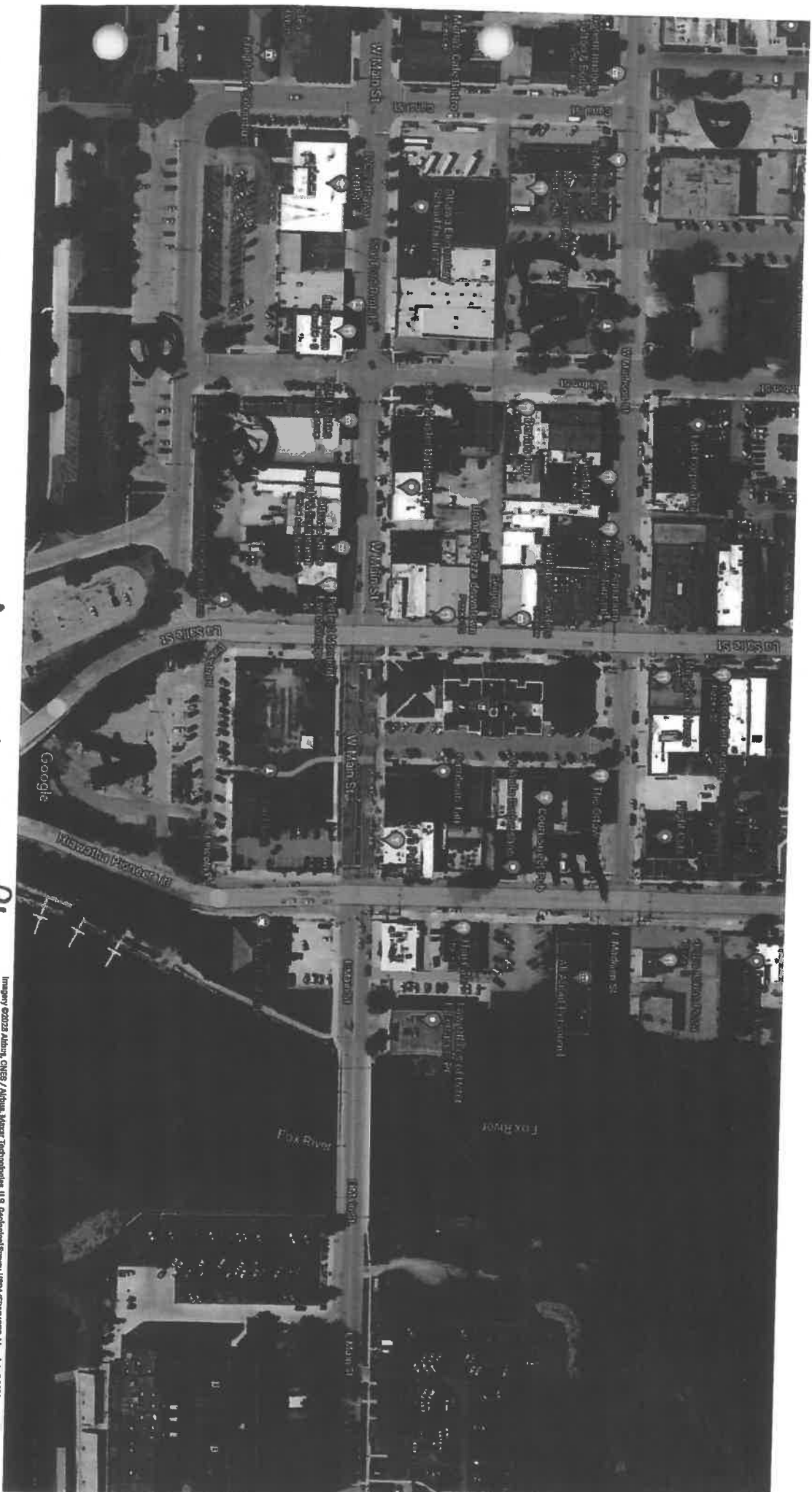
**ATTEST:**

  
**Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk**

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**Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk**

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Lot A - Lincoln Pl

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lot 8 - Woodward Memorial + lot Behind Farmers

city Hall lot - city hall

lot D - A++T lot

LOT E - Court ST lot



Lot C - Hassel Lot + Radium Dial Lot