

ORDINANCE 8700

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2-15, "NEIGHBORHOOD PERMIT PARKING ZONES," AND CHAPTER 4-23, "NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING ZONE PERMITS," B.R.C. 1981, TO UPDATE STANDARDS FOR ON-STREET PARKING MANAGEMENT; AND SETTING FORTH RELATED DETAILS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 2-2-15, "Neighborhood Permit Parking Zones," B.R.C. 1981, is amended to read as follows:

2-2-15. Neighborhood Permit Parking Zones.

(a) Establishing a neighborhood permit parking zone ~~Restricting parking~~ on streets in certain areas zoned for residential uses ~~primarily to persons residing within such areas~~ will reduce hazardous traffic conditions, promote traffic safety, and preserve the safety of children and other pedestrians in those areas; protect those areas from polluted air, excessive noise, trash, and refuse; protect residents of those areas from unreasonable burdens in gaining access to their residences while still providing access to multiple users; preserve the character of those areas as residential; promote efficiency in the maintenance of those streets in a clean and safe condition; preserve the value of the property in those areas; and protect the peace, good order, comfort, convenience, and welfare of the inhabitants of the city. The city council also finds that, in some cases, residential streets serve an important parking function for nonresidents in the public and commercial life of the city. Some accommodation for parking by others may be appropriate in these cases.

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(d) New and Redevelopment. If a traffic assessment is required to adequately assess the impacts of any development proposal on the existing and planned transportation system per the City of Boulder Design and Construction Standards, as may be amended, the city will conduct a study of the -zone or neighborhood based on key metrics, including but not limited to parking occupancy, trip generation, and access to other modes of transportation, to determine if a neighborhood permit parking zone should be established, altered, or removed in a neighborhood and what its boundaries should be.

1 (de) Upon establishment of a zone, the manager shall, subject to the availability of funds
2 appropriated for the purpose, install the necessary traffic control devices within the zone
3 and issue neighborhood parking zone permits pursuant to Chapter 4-23, "Neighborhood
4 Parking Zone Permits," B.R.C. 1981.

5 (ef) The manager may by regulation prescribe additional standards, not inconsistent with
6 those set out in this section, which must be met before the manager designates a
7 neighborhood permit parking zone, or adds or deletes territory from an established zone.
8 The manager may issue regulations governing the issuance and use of neighborhood
9 parking permits not inconsistent with Chapter 4-23, "Neighborhood Parking Zone
10 Permits," B.R.C. 1981.

11 (fg) The city manager shall monitor the program on a regular basis and annually provide the
12 city council with a report on the neighborhood permit parking program generally,
13 including its relationship to parking supply and demand in adjacent areas of the city and
14 the status of zone block faces under Subsection 4-23-2(j), B.R.C. 1981. The details of the
15 monitoring effort shall be contained in administrative regulations promulgated by the city
16 manager pursuant to Chapter 1-4, "Rulemaking," B.R.C. 1981.

17 (gh) This Section shall not apply to the area as defined by Section 2-2-21, "Chautauqua
18 Parking Management Plan," B.R.C. 1981.

19 Section 2. Chapter 4-23, "Neighborhood Parking Zone Permits," B.R.C. 1981, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 **Chapter 23 - Neighborhood Parking Zone Permits**

22 **4-23-1. Legislative Intent.**

23 The purpose of this chapter is to set the standards for issuance and administration of
24 neighborhood parking zone permits.

25 **4-23-2. Permit Issuance.**

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(c) Resident Permits. No more than ~~two~~one resident permits shall be in effect at any time for
any person. No person shall be deemed a resident of more than one zone, and no more
than one permit may be issued for any one vehicle even if persons residing in different
zones share ownership or use. Provided, however, that no more than a total of three
resident permits may be issued for any dwelling unit housing a group of persons or
organization licensed pursuant to Section 10-11-3, "Cooperative Housing Licenses,"
B.R.C. 1981.

(d) The city manager may limit the total number of permits available in a zone based on the
number of dwelling units and the capacity of on-street parking within the zone.

1 (~~de~~) Resident permits issued under this section shall be specific for a single vehicle, shall not
2 be transferred except as provided by city manager rule or regulation, and shall be
3 displayed thereon or, for digital permits, valid and in effect only as the manager by
4 regulation may prescribe. The permittee shall remove the permit from the vehicle or
5 otherwise cancel the permit if the vehicle is sold, leased or no longer in the custody of the
6 permittee.

5 (~~ef~~) Business Permits. Business, for the purpose of this chapter, includes nonresidential
6 institutions, but does not include home occupations. Three business employee permits
7 may be in effect at any time for any business without regard to number of employees or
8 off-street parking. In the alternative, upon application by the manager of the business, the
9 city manager may issue employee permits to a business according to the following
10 formula: half of the number of full-time equivalent employees minus the number of off-
11 street parking spaces under the control of the business at that location equals the
12 maximum number of employee permits for the business. Full-time equivalent employees
13 of the business are calculated based upon one such employee for every full forty hours
14 worked at that location by employees of the business within the periods of time in a week
15 during which the neighborhood permit parking restrictions are in effect. On its
16 application, the employer shall designate the employee vehicles, not to exceed the
17 number allowed, for which each permit is valid. A business permit is valid only for the
18 vehicles listed thereon, and shall be displayed on the vehicle for which the permit is being
19 used only as the manager by regulation may prescribe.

13 (~~fg~~) The manager shall by regulation set forth how long permits issued under this section are
14 valid and when they must be renewed.

15 (~~gh~~) In considering applications for resident permits, the manager may require proof that the
16 applicant has a legal right to possession of the premises claimed as a residence. If the
17 manager has probable cause to believe that the occupancy limitations of Subsection 9-8-
18 5(a), B.R.C. 1981, are being violated, no further permits shall be issued under this section
19 for the residence in question until the occupancy thereof is brought into compliance.

18 (~~hi~~) If a physical permit or the portion of the vehicle to which a resident permit has been
19 affixed is damaged such that it must be replaced, the permittee, upon application therefor,
20 shall be issued a replacement at a prorated cost. The manager may require display of the
21 damaged permit before a new permit is issued.

20 (~~ij~~) No person shall use or display any permit issued under this section in violation of any
21 provision of this code.

22 (~~jk~~) Commuter Permits. The maximum number of nonresident permits issued on any given
23 block face within a zone shall be four. In addition, if the manager determines that the
24 average daily percentage of unoccupied neighborhood parking spaces, on block faces
25 where commuter permits have been allocated, drops below twenty-five percent for four
consecutive hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of any given weekday,
then the manager shall reduce the number of commuter permits by a number estimated to
maintain an average daily percentage of unoccupied neighborhood parking spaces of

1 twenty-five percent. But for any part of Goss Street or Circle, Grove Street or Circle or
2 the portions of 16th Street through 23rd Street between Arapahoe Avenue and Canyon
3 Boulevard, included within any neighborhood parking permit zone, the average daily
4 percentage of unoccupied neighborhood parking spaces which must be maintained
5 without reduction in commuter permits shall be fifteen percent. The manager may also,
6 for this Goss-Grove zone, allocate commuter permits initially to educational institutions
7 and organizations representing postal workers in rough proportion to the needs of these
8 groups. Such groups may renew such permits. Distribution of such permits by such
9 groups to their clientele shall be at a price not to exceed the cost of the permit.

6 **4-23-3. ~~Guest Permits~~ Day Passes.**

7 ~~Residents~~ Households of a zone may obtain ~~two two-week permits twenty-five (25)~~
8 ~~digital day passes~~ per year at no cost, ~~for use by houseguests of the resident. The permit shall be~~
9 ~~indelibly marked in the space provided thereon with, or for digital permits shall indicate, the date~~
10 ~~of its first use. The permit shall thereafter be valid only for the succeeding thirteen consecutive~~
11 ~~days~~ Each day pass is valid for up to twenty-four (24) hours. Day passes may be used
12 consecutively. Each day pass may be assigned to the same vehicle or different vehicles. Use of a
13 day pass is limited to those whose stay will last longer than the time limit posted within the
14 permit zone for parking by the general public but shall not exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive
15 hours. The manager may by regulation define the circumstances under which additional ~~guest~~
16 ~~permits~~ day passes may be ~~issued~~ purchased in cases of reasonable need consistent with
17 residential use of the dwelling. ~~Provided, however, that no more than a total of six two-week~~
18 ~~guest permits per year may be issued for any dwelling unit licensed pursuant to Section 10-11-3,~~
19 ~~"Cooperative Housing Licenses," B.R.C. 1981.~~

15 **4-23-6. ~~Visitor~~ Flex Permits.**

- 16 (a) Two (2) annual ~~visitor's passes~~ flex permits may be issued to a resident ~~purchased per~~
17 household of a neighborhood permit parking zone. Flex permits may be used for any
18 vehicle associated with the household, including but not limited to additional resident
19 vehicles and vehicles of longer-term or recurring visitors, such as domestic workers.
20 These permits are intended solely for residential use and may not be transferred, resold,
21 or used for commercial purposes. ~~to be used on a temporary and transferable basis to~~
22 ~~accommodate visitors, including without limitation, health care workers, repairmen, and~~
23 ~~babysitters, who need access to the residence of the resident. Use of this pass is limited to~~
24 ~~those visitors whose stay will last longer than the time limit posted within the permit zone~~
25 ~~for parking by the general public but shall not exceed twenty-four consecutive hours.~~
- (b) ~~Use of the pass is valid only while the visitor is on the residential premises. Visitor passes~~
~~shall not exceed twenty-four consecutive hours and are to be used within a one-block~~
~~radius of the residence address. Visitor passes may not be used by residents. If visitor~~
~~passes have already been issued, new ones cannot be issued until the following year. No~~
~~more than two (2) such permits will be issued per resident household per year. However,~~
~~only one such permit will be issued per resident per year for the West Pearl zone~~
~~containing more than four units.~~

1 (c) ~~It is the responsibility of the resident to ensure that this pass never leaves the zone, and~~
2 ~~that it is returned to the resident at the end of each day of use.~~ Use of this pass permit also
3 falls under the same restrictions as those prescribed by Section 4-23-2, B.R.C. 1981, and
4 in these regulations.

5 (d) The number of flex permits per household is subject to change based on individual
6 neighborhood permit parking zone guidelines set forth by city manager rule.

7 Section 3. This Ordinance is effective January 1, 2026.

8 Section 4. This Ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare
9 of the residents of the city and covers matters of local concern.

10 Section 5. The City Council deems it appropriate that this Ordinance be published by
11 title only and orders that copies of this Ordinance be made available in the office of the city clerk
12 for public inspection and acquisition.

13 INTRODUCED, READ ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE

14 ONLY this 5th day of June 2025.

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16 Aaron Brockett,
17 Mayor

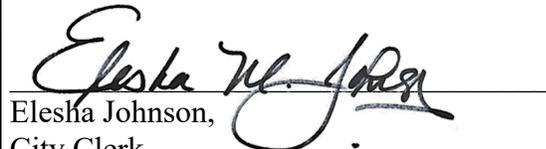
18 Attest:

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20 Elesha Johnson,
21 City Clerk

1 READ ON SECOND READING, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June 2025.

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4 Aaron Brockett,
Mayor

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8 City Clerk

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