

**CITY OF READING**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON  
SIDEWALKS, OR TERRACE AND REGULATE DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS WITHIN**

**THE CITY OF READING ORDAINS THAT:**

**Section 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure safe pedestrian travel, protect public infrastructure, and maintain accessibility along public streets and within the City's right-of-way.

**Section 2. Definitions**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

1. **Sidewalk:** That portion of a public right-of-way designed and intended for pedestrian use, whether paved or unpaved, and typically located adjacent to a street.
2. **Terrace:** The portion of a public right-of-way, whether improved or unimproved, located between the edge of the curb and the sidewalk.

**Section 3. Prohibited Parking and Driving**

No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any motor vehicle, trailer, or other conveyance:

1. On any portion of any public sidewalk within the City.
2. Between the curb and sidewalk.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle on or across any public sidewalk except at a lawful driveway or authorized access point.

**Section 4. Exceptions**

This ordinance shall not apply to:

1. Emergency vehicles while responding to an emergency.
2. Authorized municipal vehicles performing official duties.
3. Temporary parking or access approved by the City for construction or special events.

**Section 5. Enforcement**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the City Police Department, Code Enforcement Officer, and any other officials authorized by the City.

Any motor vehicle found in violation of this ordinance may be issued a municipal civil infraction citation. Vehicles parked in violation may be towed and impounded at the owner's expense if they are creating a hazard or obstruction, in accordance with applicable law.

**Section 6. Penalty**

Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine as established by resolution of the City Council, plus any applicable costs and fees.

**Section 7. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect on May 1, 2026, which is no sooner than ten (10) days after publication, as provided by the City Charter.

A copy of the Ordinance may be inspected at Reading City Hall, 113 S. Main Street, Reading, Michigan 49274 for current office hours please call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and may also be viewed on the City's website at [www.reading.mi.us](http://www.reading.mi.us)

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted at a meeting of the Reading City Council held on the 14th day of April, 2026.

Chad Penney, Mayor

Kimberly Blythe, City Clerk/Treasurer