

## ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 73.20 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE READING CITY CODE, TO RESTRICT DAYTIME PARKING WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF THE CITY TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO HOURS BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M. EACH DAY AND TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PAID PERMIT PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reading has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City and the proprietors of businesses located in the downtown business district of the City to limit the amount of time that a motor vehicle may be parked in the downtown business district during daytime business hours so as to facilitate the availability of parking to patrons of businesses located in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City to designate specific parking spaces within the downtown business district of the City where vehicles may be parked for an overnight period on a paid permit basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF READING ORDAINS THAT:

Section 73.20 of Chapter 73 of the Reading City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

### **§73.20 PARKING REGULATIONS.**

**(a) Time restrictions on parking during business hours.** It is unlawful for any person to park or suffer the parking of any vehicle, trailer or other object in any parking space where parking is otherwise permitted that is located on any street, alley, or parking lot within the Downtown Area of the City, as described in Chapter 75, Schedule I, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., for a period in excess of two consecutive hours; provided, however, that in the event the use of a parking space is otherwise restricted to a shorter period of time, the shorter period of time shall control.

**(b) Time restrictions on overnight parking.** It is unlawful for any person to park or suffer the parking of any vehicle or trailer in any parking space where parking is otherwise permitted that is located on any street, alley, or parking lot within the Downtown Area of the City, as described in Chapter 75, Schedule I, at any time between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., for a period in excess of 15 minutes.

**(c) Paid permit parking.** Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Section 73.20, the City Council may, from time-to-time, by resolution designate certain parking spaces within the Downtown Area of the City as paid permit parking, which spaces shall be marked with appropriate signage, and which spaces, when designated, shall allow an individual to purchase a permit allowing that individual to park a vehicle in the designated space at any time, regardless of any time restrictions on parking in the Downtown Area that might otherwise exist. The cost and duration of such permits (*i.e.*, monthly, quarterly, or annually) shall also be determined and established by resolution of the City Council from time-to-time. Only a person displaying a valid paid parking permit issued by the City

may park a vehicle in a parking space designated as paid permit parking, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle or trailer in any parking space designated as paid permit parking without displaying a valid paid parking permit issued by the City in a conspicuously visible area within the vehicle.

This ordinance shall take effect 10 days from the date of its passage and after publication as provided by Charter.

The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Reading City Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Melani Matthews, Mayor

Kimberly Blythe, City Clerk