

**CITY OF HUDSON
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ISSUES**

Item # 3b

Submitted to: Public Safety Committee

Date: 03/07/2019

Submitted by: Chief Geoff Willems

Regarding: Updated parking ordinance

ISSUE: The parking ordinance for the city of Hudson needs to be updated to account for the new kiosk paid parking system. A draft update is attached for review. .

- **Legal aspects:**
- **Budget Impact:**
- **Past History:**
- **Other Pertinent Data:**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:



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TO: Public Safety

FROM: Downtown Parking Committee/Workgroup

DATE: March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 235 '*Vehicles and Traffic*' of the City of Hudson's municipal code

BACKGROUND:

The City of Hudson is updating its downtown parking system and, with that, also needs to update the parking code so that it coincides with the recommendations of the downtown parking analysis completed by Rich Associates which was presented to the Common Council on February 27th, 2017 and later amended on March 24th, 2017 to include the Council's comments and recommendations.

Primary changes to the traffic code include the following:

- New definitions for 'pay station' and 'mobile payment system'.
- Simplified the definitions and names of the off-street municipal parking lots and defined which lots would allow permit parking.
- Hourly parking rate is calculated in 1-hour increments.
- Added an annual parking permit rate of \$200 for individuals who want to purchase a permit who do not work downtown, and a monthly parking permit rate of \$20 for these same individuals. Downtown employees can purchase an annual permit for \$100, or \$10 monthly.
- Three-hour parking time limit enforcement for all on-street parking except on First Street between Elm and Vine which shall be 8-hour parking.
- Parking spaces in the Beach House Lot, Williams Lot, and the North Lot shall be designated as 8-hour permit and pay station parking.
- Increase the parking inventory by utilizing the Boat Launch Lot for 8-hour parking seasonally.
- 13 newly defined parking fee zones (formerly known as parking meter zones).
- Hours of enforcement changed from 9am-6pm to 10am-8pm, Monday through Saturday.

All of the above recommended changes were made with the intent and financial consideration for future parking inventory and management improvements.

The following items remain unchanged:

- Free holiday parking from Thanksgiving until New Year's.
- Free parking on Sundays.
- The maximum hourly parking rate remains at \$0.50/hour.

DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATION:

Recommends approval of amendments to Chapter 235 '*Vehicles and Traffic*'.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 235 '*Vehicles and Traffic*' with the following conditions:

- That rates, violations, permit prices, and days/hours of enforcement be reviewed after 6 months.

ATTACHMENTS:

Amended Traffic Code Chapter 235, '*Vehicles and Traffic*'

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Chapter 235. Vehicles and Traffic

Article I. Traffic Code

§235.3. Parking regulations.

A. Parking limits. When signs are erected in any block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the period hereinafter specified, except Sundays and the following holidays: January 1, May 30, July 4, December 25, the first Monday in September and the fourth Thursday in November of each year:

1) ~~9~~10:00 a.m. to ~~6~~8:00 p.m.

a) ~~One-hour parking limit:~~

[1] ~~On Second Street between Vine Street and Kinnickinnic Street.~~

[2] ~~On Locust Street between First Street and Third Street.~~

b) ~~Two~~Three-hour parking limit:

[1] On Walnut Street between First Street and Third Street.

[2] On Wisconsin Street between First Street and Second Street.

[3] On Commercial Street between First Street and Third Street.

[4] On Buckeye Street between First Street and Second Street.

[5] On Locust Street between First Street and Third Street.

[6] On Vine Street between First Street and Second Street.

[7] On First Street between Vine Street and beyond Buckeye Street.

[8] On Third Street between Vine Street and Walnut Street.

[9] On Second Street between Vine Street and Wisconsin Street.

[10] The Library Lot

[1] The North Plaza Lot

[2] The City Hall Lot

[3] The Phipps Lot

c) Eight-hour parking limit:

[1] On First Street between Elm Street and Vine Street.

[2] The Beach House Lot

[3] The North Lot

[4] The Williams Lot

2) Other parking time limits:

a) The Boat Launch Lot

[1] May 1 - September 30

a. Only vehicles with trailers may park in the Boat Launch Lot all day Monday - Sunday. However, between 2 a.m. - 4 a.m., parking shall be prohibited.

[2] October 1 - April 30

a. Seasonal 8-hour permit and pay station parking will be permitted during the regular enforcement hours of 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

~~1) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

~~d) Lot 3, Block J, Willow River Addition.~~

~~e) The west 20 feet of Lot 10, Block I, Buena Vista Addition.~~

~~1) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.~~

~~g) All days of the week on River Drive in lakefront Park from Commercial Street north to Walnut Street on the east side.~~

~~h)b) On the east side of First Street from buckeye Street to Vine Street, Monday through Friday, except in indented parking spaces.~~

~~{Added 5-1-200 by Ord. No. 9-00}~~

B. Street storage prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle for a longer period than 24 consecutive hours on any public street of the City.

C. All-night parking prohibited. No person shall park any vehicle for longer than 30 minutes between 2:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. of any day, except a physician or City employee on emergency call, on any of the following streets:
[Amended by Ord. No. 1-86]

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|--|-------------|--|
| Commercial Street | Both | From First Street to Second Street |
| Locust Street <i>[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11; 12-19-2011 by Ord. No. 23-11]</i> | Both | Between First Street and Third Street |
| Locust Street <i>[Amended 12-19-2011 by Ord. No. 23-11]</i> | Both | Between Third Street and Fourth Street designated painted parking stalls |
| Second Street | East | From Wisconsin Street to Vine Street |
| Second Street <i>[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]</i> | West | Between Buckeye Street and Vine Street |
| Third Street <i>[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]</i> | West | From Vine Street to Walnut Street |
| Walnut Street <i>[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]</i> | Both | Between First Street and Fourth Street |
| Wisconsin Street | Both | From First Street to Second Street |

D. Double parking. Parking on the roadway side of any parked vehicle or double parking is prohibited.

E. Angle parking. Angle parking is permitted on Locust Street between First Street and Third Street ~~and the north side of Wisconsin Street between First Street and Second Street.~~

F. Removal of vehicles. The Public Works Superintendent or any of his employees under his supervision and direction or the Police Department may remove any vehicle which may interfere with the operation of any snow removal equipment or any emergency vehicle.

The Public Works Superintendent or the Police Department may charge the cost of removing such vehicle to the owner or the operator thereof. Said Public Works Superintendent or Police Department may cause removal to be made either by his or its own Department with City help or may contract or farm out such removal to any other garageman, serviceman or person. The removed vehicle shall be stored at a place to be determined by the City, and the owner shall pay the usual storage charge and towing charge before the vehicle is released.

G. Prohibited parking.

- 1) Dike Road. Parking of automobiles and motorized vehicles on the extension of Walnut Street westerly from First Street, commonly known as "Dike Road," is prohibited.
[Amended by Ord. No. 26-93]
- 2) Eleventh Street. Parking of automobiles and motorized vehicles is prohibited on the east side of Eleventh Street between Wisconsin Street and Coulee Road.
[Added by Ord. No. 6-91]
- 3) There shall be no parking on either side of Second Street (Highway 35) from a point 275 feet south of the intersection of Second Street with Buckeye Street to the start of the interstate highway system on Second Street.
[Added 5-1-2000 by Ord. No. 9-00]
- 4) There shall be no parking of vehicles or placing of any other obstructions such as snow, trash containers, etc., within 10 feet of either side of a United States mailbox for the periods of Monday through Saturday. This applies to all U.S. mail receptacles including neighborhood delivery and collection box units.
[Added 9-10-2001 by Ord. No. 12-01]
- 5) Recreational water equipment/vehicles.
[Added 3-12-2012 by Ord. No. 4-12]
 - a) No person shall park any empty trailer for boats, jet skis, kayaks, canoes, or other types of recreational water equipment/vehicles on any street or in any City-owned parking lot within the City limits of the City of Hudson, excepting the First Street and Lake Mallalieu boat launch parking lots.

b) Any person who shall violate **§235-3G(5)** shall be subject to a fine of \$50, plus towing fee, if any, plus any applicable court costs.

H. Truck, tractor or trailer or school bus parking prohibited.
[Amended by Ord. No. 13-89]

1) Except as provided herein, no person shall park any truck, tractor or trailer for longer than 30 minutes between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day on a public street in a residence district, and no person shall park any school bus on any public street in a residence district for a period longer than 30 minutes.

2) No person shall park any truck, tractor or trailer for longer than one hour on any public street in any industrial district.

3) A parking permit to park a truck, tractor or trailer or a school bus on a street in a residence district may be obtained from the Police Department for a period not to exceed 24 hours.

I. Parking restrictions related to street-servicing activities.
[Added 10-4-2010 by Ord. No. 12-10⁽¹⁾]

1) Snow-plowing event.

a) Definitions.

SNOW-PLOWING EVENT

A snow fall in which there is snow accumulation of two inches or more.

b) No parking during snow-plowing event. Except as provided below, there shall be no parking on streets during any snow-plowing event. This no-parking restriction shall remain in force until the street is plowed curb to curb.

c) Signs and warning markers. The Parks and Public Works Director shall cause to be erected such signs and warning markers necessary to give notice of the parking restrictions prohibitions and limitations of

this subsection. Parking restrictions for snow-plowing events shall also be shown on the City's official parking control map.

d) Event notification. Individuals are responsible for parking vehicles in compliance with this ordinance with or without prior notice from the City of an expected snow-plowing event. The city may, but is not required, to provide the courtesy notifications of a snow-plowing event, such as on:

[1] City of Hudson website.

[2] Facebook.

[3] Twitter.

e) Exemptions. Parking restrictions related to snow-plowing events do not apply to:

[1] Employees of Willow River School who may apply for individual exemptions from these parking restrictions to allow them to park within two blocks of Willow River School when doing so in connection with their employment. The application process shall be as provided in Subsection I(1)(e)[3] below.

[2] Downtown ~~metered and~~ painted stalls.

[3] Individual resident vehicle exemptions may be issued in extreme hardship situations where there is no driveway and no place to park a vehicle off the street.

a. To obtain an exemption, a resident must apply to the Hudson Public Works Department. The vehicle must be registered to the resident at the address provided in the application.

b. The applicant must sign a hold-harmless and release-of-all-claims agreement, releasing the City of Hudson and its agents, officers, and employees, from all claims

that may arise out of damages incurred due to parking on the street during a snow-plowing event.

c. An annual exemption sticker or placard will be provided to the resident for each qualified vehicle. The sticker or placard must be placed on the windshield or dashboard in the lower left on the driver side.

d. All exemptions are valid from September 1 through August 30 of each year. Exemption holders must apply for renewal in August of each year; an initial, nonrefundable fee will be charged, as determined by the Common Council.

[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]

e. Denied exemptions can be appealed to the Public Works Committee.

[Added 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]

2) Parking restrictions related to removal of snow accumulation, tree trimming and street cleaning, storm clean-up, and other street maintenance

a) When Public Works temporary signs are erected for snow removal, tree trimming or any other street maintenance work, there shall be no parking on the signed street as stated on the signs.

3) Violations, fines, and penalties. Vehicles parked in violation of the above ~~the~~ parking restrictions shall be subject to warning or citations as provided below. Warnings and citations may be issued by Hudson Police Officers and any other City personnel authorized to issue warnings and citations.

a) Warnings and penalties:

[1] First violation: \$25

[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]

[2] Second violation: \$50; car is not towed.

[Amended 10-18-2011 by Ord. No. 17-11]

[3] Third violation: \$50, plus tow fee; car is towed.

[1] Editor's Note: Former Subsection I, Odd-even parking, added 1-19-2001 by Ord. No. 18-01, was repealed 3-19-2007 by Ord. No. 4-07.

Chapter 235. Vehicles and Traffic

Article II. Municipal Parking System

§235-15. Definitions.

Whenever in this article the following terms are used, they shall have the meaning given them in this section:

PARKING METER

A device located upon a public street, parking lot, or sidewalk in a place regularly designated as a parking meter zone, as herein defined, which device shall record a certain number of minutes by use of a clock mechanism determining the time period for which parking privileges may be extended to the person so depositing the coin.

PAY STATION

An electronic device that the City places or erects on City property, for the purpose of managing and controlling the use of paid parking spaces and paid parking zones and that requires payment for use either by inserting coins, a credit/debit card or by paying via the mobile payment system through a cellular device.

PARKING ~~METER~~ FEE Zone

A certain designated marked-off section of the public street or off-street lot within the marked boundaries where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for such time period as the parking meters or pay stations attached thereto may indicate.

MOBILE PAYMENT SYSTEM

An application that can be accessed and downloaded via cellular device to pay for a parking space by inputting the user's license plate number and credit card information.

SIDEWALK

That portion of a street between the curblines and adjacent property lines.

STREET

Every way set apart for public travel, except alleyways, bridle paths and footpaths.

VEHICLE

Any device by which any person or property may be transported upon a public highway, except those operated upon rails and permanent tracks.

§235-16. Parking ~~meter-fee~~ zones.

Parking ~~meter-fee~~ zones are created on the following streets and parking lots of the City:

- ~~A. On Second Street from Wisconsin Street to Vine Street.~~
- ~~B. On Walnut Street from First Street to Third Street.~~
- ~~C. On Locust Street from First Street to Third Street. On Third Street from Walnut Street to Vine Street.~~
- ~~D. On First Street from Buckeye Street to Vine Street.~~
- ~~On parking lots established under §235-35.~~

- A. In the North Lot
- B. In the North Plaza Lot
- C. In the Phipps Lot
- D. In the Boat Launch Lot
- E. In the City Hall Lot
- F. In the Williams Lot
- G. In the Beach House Lot
- H. In the Library Lot
- I. Along downtown side streets (Buckeye, Wisconsin, Commercial, Walnut, Locust, and Elm).
- J. On First Street from Buckeye Street to Vine Street.
- K. On Second Street from Wisconsin Street to Vine Street.
- L. On Third Street from Walnut Street to Vine Street.
- M. On First Street from Vine Street to Elm Street.

§235-17. Installation of meters and pay stations.

In the parking ~~meter-fee~~ zones, the Common Council shall cause parking meters and pay stations to be installed in such numbers, at such places, and for such time periods as in its judgement may be necessary to regulate, control and inspect parking of vehicles and shall cause parking ~~meter~~-spaces to be designated as herein provided.

§235-18. Operation of meters and pay stations.

The parking meters and pay stations shall be operated in parking ~~meter fee-~~ zones every day between ~~10~~8:00 a.m. and ~~8~~5:00 p.m. except Sundays and all federal holidays, including: January 1, Memorial Day, July 4, the first Monday in September, Thanksgiving and December 25.

§235-19. Time of operation to be designated.

The time limitations shall be indicated on the parking meter and pay station or by appropriate signs posted in proximity ~~to~~of ~~such~~ ~~metereach parking fee in such~~ zone.

§235-20. Carrying out contracts.

The Mayor and Council may carry out the terms of any contracts entered into by the Council to purchase, lease, acquire, install, operate, maintain, supervise, regulate and use the parking meters and pay stations provided for in this article, whether for trial period or otherwise. The payment for such parking meters and pay stations and installation shall be provided solely ~~form~~from the receipts, funds and revenues obtained from the operation of parking meters and pay stations, without obligating the City to pay for the same from any other source.

§235-21. Meters and pay stations to indicate parking time.

The parking meters and pay stations installed in parking ~~meter fee~~ zones shall be placed upon the curb ~~or other area immediately adjacent to the individual parking places~~. ~~Each parking meter shall be placed or set to show by a signal that the parking space adjacent to such meter is or is not legally in use.~~ Each parking meter and pay station installed shall indicate by a proper legend the legal parking time established by the City and, ~~when operated~~upon payment, shall indicate the duration of the period of legal parking and, ~~on~~ when the expiration of such period shall occur, ~~shall indicate illegal or overtime parking~~.

§235-22. Parking spaces to be marked.

The Public Works Committee shall have markings painted or placed upon the curb and/or upon the street ~~adjacent to each parking meter to designate the parking space for which such meter is to be used~~. Each vehicle ~~parking adjacent to any parking meter~~ shall park within the

markings so established. No person shall park any vehicle across any such marking or park so that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such markings.

§235-23. Operating meters and pay stations.

When any vehicle is parked in ~~any space adjacent to which a parking meter is located~~ a parking fee zone, the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering the parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited a United States currency (coin or coins, credit/debit card, or make a mobile payment) ~~in such parking meter~~ or pay station ~~and put such meter in operation.~~

§235-24. Length of legal parking.

A. The length of time for each parking space in a parking ~~meter-fee~~ zone or part thereof shall be indicated on the parking meter or pay station and, if desired, the receipt that shall be emailed to the payee. The Common Council may establish different time limitations for each parking ~~fee zone~~ meter in different parking meter zones or within the same parking meter zone.

B. Rates.

1) Each parking ~~meter~~-space may be lawfully occupied by a vehicle for the time established by Subsection A of this section at the following rates:

~~a. Twenty consecutive minutes: \$0.10.~~

~~b.a. Minimum of one (1) hour: \$0.2550~~

~~c. Two hours: \$0.50~~

~~d.b. Four hours: \$1.~~

2) The parking ~~meter-fee~~ rate may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Common Council, after recommendation of the Public Safety Committee.

3) These parking ~~meter~~-rates shall be phased in and shall apply as the City purchases new parking meters and pay stations or is able to adjust existing meters and pay stations to reflect any rate increase.

C. If any vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit ~~as fixed by the coin or coins deposited in such meter, that was paid for, the parking meter shall indicate such illegal parking.~~ Such vehicle shall be considered parked overtime and illegally.

§235-25. Injury to meters and pay stations.

No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or pay station.

§235-26. Deposit of slugs.

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter or pay station any slug, device or metallic substitute or any other substitute for any United States coin.

§235-27. Duties of police.

The City police officers, or meter monitor acting on their behalf, in accordance with instructions issued by the Mayor and Council, shall report on each ticket:

~~A. The number of each parking meter that indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is or has been parking in violation of any part of this article.~~

B.A. The state license number of such vehicle.

C.B. The time such vehicle is parking in violation of this article.

D.C. Any other facts or knowledge that is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

§235-28. Notice of violation.

Each such officer shall also attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of this article.

§235-29. Penalties for parking violations.

Penalties for parking violations shall be as hereafter set forth.

A. Schedule of forfeitures. Each owner or operator shall, within 10 days of the time when a notice of violation was attached to his

or her vehicle, deposit in a designated meter box or at the forfeiture deposit box in the City Hall, as a penalty for such violation, a deposit according to the following schedule:

[Amended 6-19-2006 by Ord. No. 11-06; 3-28-2011 by Ord. No. 7-11]

| Type of Violation | Deposit Amount |
|--|----------------|
| Overparked, parking meter <u>or pay station space</u> | |
| First violation in 24 hours | \$7.00 |
| Second and any subsequent violations at the same parking meter <u>space</u> within a twenty-four-hour period, per violation | \$15.00 |
| Overparked, two-, four <u>three-</u> and eight-hour zones | \$5.00 |
| Double parked | \$10.00 |
| Twenty-four-hour parked | \$25.00 |
| Parked at fire plug | \$25.00 |
| Fire lane | \$25.00 |
| Blocking driveway | \$10.00 |
| Prohibited by official signs | \$10.00 |
| Improper parking | \$10.00 |
| Yellow line | \$10.00 |
| Boat launch parking violation | \$30.00 |
| Odd-even parking violations | \$25.00 |

B. Convenience fee notice. All violation fees noted in §235-29(A) above do not include service or convenience fees charged by third parties that the City of Hudson contracts with to administer and facilitate collections. These fees are the sole responsibility of the parking violator.

B.C. Additional penalties for nonpayment. If payment is not made within 10 days of the date of the infraction, the Police Department shall mail a second notice to the registered owner of the vehicle. The penalty shall then be double the deposit amount set forth above ~~plus an additional \$10, and must to~~ be paid within 28-30 days of the violation.

C.D. If payment is not made or if the violator fails to contest the parking ticket within 28-30 days of the violation, the penalty shall be double ~~increased to~~ the deposit amount set forth in §235-29(C) above, plus an additional \$15, and the Police Department shall request the State Department of Transportation to suspend the vehicle registration pursuant to Ch. TRANS 128, Wis, Admin.Code.

§235.30 General penalty.

Where no other penalty is provided, any person who shall violate this article and any person who aids, abets or assists therein shall be subject to the penalty provided in Chapter 1, **§1-18**, of this Code.

§235-31. Purpose of parking meter and pay station receipts.

- A. The ~~coins-money~~ required to be deposited in parking meters and pay stations ~~are-is~~ levied and assessed as fees to provide for proper regulation and control of traffic upon the public street; costs of supervision and regulation of parking of vehicles in parking meter zones; costs of purchase, lease, acquisition, installation, operation, maintenance, supervision, regulation and control of parking meters and pay stations; and costs of the capital improvements of off-street parking lots.
- B. The original indebtedness of property purchased, acquired, improved, equipped and made operational for parking lot use shall be the responsibility of the Parking Utility Fund. The Parking Utility Fund shall also bear the responsibility for maintenance costs of the parking lots, including lights, insurance, seal coating, striping, snow removal, in-lot curbing, grooming and trimming.

§235-32. Collection and deposit of parking meter and pay station receipts.

The Mayor and Council shall designate such collectors and methods as necessary to collect all ~~coins-money~~ deposited in the meter boxes and pay stations. Such collectors may be bonded for not less than \$1,000 for the faithful performance of their duties. All money so collected shall be deposited with the Clerk, provided that a separate fund shall be maintained at all times of such money so deposited.

§235-33. Deposit of forfeitures.

All penalty fees collected by the Police Department and all forfeitures imposed for violation of this article shall be deposited with the Clerk and credited to the Parking Utility Fund. Any bond or bail given for appearance to answer a charge under this article that is forfeited shall be deposited in the Parking Utility Fund.

§235-34. Bus stops, taxicab stands and loading areas.

This article shall not prohibit the City from providing for bus stops, for taxicab stands, etc., including the loading and unloading of trucks, vans or other commercial vehicles.

§235-35. Off-street parking lots.

A. The following lots shall be part of the municipal parking system:

- 1) ~~These parts of Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 11, Buena Vista, shall be the~~ North Lot.
- 2) ~~Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, Willow River, shall be the~~ City Hall Lot.
- 3) ~~Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block J, Willow River, shall be the~~ Williams Lot.
- 4) ~~Lot 3, Block J, Willow River, shall be the~~ Harbor Lot.
- 5) ~~Part of Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 13 Buena Vista, shall be the~~ Phipps Lot.
- 6) ~~Part of Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 11, Buena Vista, shall be the~~ North Plaza Lot.
- 7) Beach House Lot.
- 8) Library Lot.
- 6-9) Boat Launch Lot.

B. Such lots shall be adequately lighted, equipped, improved and maintained for vehicle parking under such limitations and conditions as the Common Council shall impose thereon.

C. Parking spaces in the Part of the nonmetered portions of the Beach House Lot, Williams Lot, Phipps Lot, City Hall Lot and the the North Lot, and along First Street between Vine Street and Elm Street may shall be designated for as 8-hour permit and pay station parking. The Boat Launch lot shall allow 8-hour permit parking privileges as well but shall only be seasonally permitted from October 1st to April 30th. Parking spaces in the City Hall

Lot, the Phipps Lot, the North Plaza Lot, and the Library Lot shall all be 3-hour lots and prohibit permit parking. Permits shall be available from City Hall, with the monthly permit fee being established by resolution of the Common Council upon recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. The parking permit fee as of the date of this article shall be \$10 per month or \$100 per year for an annual permit for downtown City of Hudson employees, whichever is less. Employees must provide proof of occupation at the time of permit application. For all other individuals who are not downtown employees, the parking permit rate shall be \$20 per month or \$200 per year for an annual permit. ~~Each abovementioned lot will have designated parking spaces for the specific purpose of permit parking.~~ After review by the Public Safety Committee, the Common Council may increase or decrease ~~the number of~~ permit parking ~~spaces~~ availability and expand into other lots based on the demand for permit parking ~~spaces~~ by the general public.

- D. Markings or signs shall be placed upon the curb and/or adjacent to the lots indicated in Subsection C stating that parking is subject to regulations as set forth therein.
- E. Except as provided in Subsection C and in established parking ~~meter-fee~~ zones where the council has not placed parking meters or pay stations pursuant to **§235-16**, all on-street parking in the municipal parking system shall be limited to ~~two~~ three hours.
- F. Markings or signs shall be placed upon the curb and/or adjacent to the lot, or portion thereof, stating that parking is subject to the time limit set forth in Subsection E.
- G. The owner or operator of any vehicle parked in ~~the Williamsany of the~~ Lots mentioned in ~~in violation of~~ Subsection C without a permit and without paying at the pay station is subject to a penalty as set forth in **§235-29**.

Chapter 235. Vehicles and Traffic

Article IV. Parking Enforcement

§235-54. Official parking signs and markings.

- A. Erection of signs and street/curb marking. The Public Works Director shall cause to be erected such parking signs and curb or pavement markings as are necessary to give adequate notice of the parking restrictions, prohibitions and limitations as provided in the Hudson City Code.
- B. Violation prohibited. A violation of any properly noticed parking restriction, prohibition or limitation provided in the Hudson City Code or as shown on the posted signs or markings shall be a violation of the provisions of this Municipal Code.

§235-55. Towing and immobilizing parked vehicles.

- A. Towing of parked vehicles. Any vehicle parked in violation of Wisconsin Statutes, or contrary to the restrictions, prohibitions and limitations of this chapter or any provision of the Municipal Code, may be towed or immobilized. Additionally, vehicles may be towed as deemed to be necessary for snow removal, highway maintenance/construction or in the interest of public safety, including, but not limited to, situations in which the parked vehicles is blocking traffic or otherwise creating an emergency. The Police Department shall facilitate towing under this section.
- B. Towing and/or immobilizing illegally parked vehicle with three or more uncontested and unpaid parking violations.

[Amended 10-3-2011 by Ord. No. 18-11]

- 1) In addition to the violations described in **§235-54** above, an owner of an illegally parked vehicle, which has on the date in question, three or more unpaid and uncontested parking violations outstanding, shall be in violation of this **§235-55B** and shall be subject to forfeitures plus costs for violating **§235-55B** in addition to being issued a parking ticket for the violation described in **§235-54**. Such vehicle may be ordered to be towed or immobilized by the Police Department.

2) Upon the issuance of the third violation, a notice shall be mailed to the owner's last-known address, advising the owner that if he or she fails to pay the outstanding forfeitures within 10 days, in the event that another parking violation occurs, his or her vehicle shall be subject to being towed or immobilized using an immobilization device, if found illegally parked at an location in the City. In the event that a vehicle is towed or immobilized under this subsection, the following procedure shall be applied:

a. If the vehicle is immobilized, in addition to the mailed notice of immobilization/towing required below, notice of the immobilization shall also be affixed to the vehicle with instructions that the vehicle owner or operator may go to the Hudson Police Department to arrange for removal of the immobilization device. The notice shall contain the address of the Hudson Police Department and the information required in **§235-55B (2) (b)** below.

b. Within 24 hours of the tow or immobilization, notice of the fact of a towing or immobilizing shall be mailed to the vehicle owner's last-known address, together with a copy of the citation for violation of this section. The notice shall inform the owner of the following rights:

[1] The right to an immediate hearing, to be held within two business days of his or her receipt of the notice, to determine the validity of the tow or immobilization. If a hearing in front of the Municipal Court Judge cannot be scheduled in two business days, an informal hearing shall be held by the City Prosecutor, with de novo review by the Municipal Court at the next regular session of the Municipal Court. The sole issue at the hearing shall be whether or not the owner has three outstanding parking violations which remain uncontested and unpaid.

[2] The right to re-obtain possession of the vehicle, upon payment of security in the form of a bond, the amount of which shall be equivalent to the total amount of the unpaid forfeitures outstanding against the motor vehicle in question and the towing, storage, and related charges and/or

immobilization removal fee listed in the citation,
but not to exceed \$500;

- [3] Pursuant to the citation, the right to defend the current citation in the manner prescribed by Wisconsin law and the municipal ordinances.