



Parking on the St. Croix

An Insight on Downtown Parking in Hudson, Wisconsin

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Handicap Parking Reminders

This is a friendly reminder for all those who have a handicap placards or disabled plates, you are able to park anywhere **without charge**. If all of the handicap spaces are occupied, you are **allowed** to utilize any other available parking spot that is available. Make sure that your handicap placard is displayed correctly and is easily visible to parking enforcement. Remember, if you park in a handicap stall without displaying a **valid** handicap placard, you will be at risk for receiving a parking violation.

Reporting a Non- Working Pay Station

If you come across a pay station that appears to be damaged or is not functioning correctly, it is important to report it to Hudson Parking Enforcement promptly. Below are the steps you should follow to make your report:

- Contact Hudson Parking Enforcement
 - Call 715-386-4770 or send an email to ksoukup@hudson.gov
 - Clearly state that you have encountered a pay station that is not working.
- Provide Necessary Information
 - When reporting, include the specific location of the pay station and the pay station number. Please **DO NOT** report the zone number.

If you encounter a malfunctioning pay station, please visit another pay station to pay for your parking session. Alternatively, you can download the Passport Parking application on your smartphone. Each pay station has a sticker located on the front of the machine. The number identifies that specific pay station, like the one shown below. Once the pay station has been reported parking will come out and assess the issue.



Why did I get a Parking Citation?

1. Why am I getting a parking citation when I have a parking permit ?

- a. Parking permit holders are required to park in specific locations. If you are not in one of the designated areas and you have failed to pay for parking, It will result in a citation.
- b. You are in violation of another parking ordinance other than “ Overparked, Paystation/ Time Limit”.
- c. Your current parking permit has expired. Visit City Hall (505 3rd Street) to purchase a new permit.

2. Why am I getting a parking citation when I paid for parking?

- a. You did not purchase enough time when paying for you parking session.
- b. Your current parking session that you paid for has expired.
- c. You entered in the incorrect license plate information, when paying for your parking session.
 - i. If this has occurred please contact Hudson parking at 715-386-4770 or email ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov. Please make sure to include a receipt, date, time, and license plate, and citation information.

Motorcycle/ Moped Parking



The City of Hudson has designated motorcycle parking spaces throughout the downtown area for motorcycle and moped operators. If those areas are full, you are allowed to park up to 3 motorcycles or mopeds in 1 parking stall. The operator of each motorcycle or moped parked in a single space regulated by a parking meter is responsible for paying for their parking session. You are not allowed to park any moped or motorcycles on any city owned sidewalk. Parking on a sidewalk or yellow curb may result in a parking violation.



Hudson Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast

Event: Annual Pancake Breakfast

Date: Sunday April 13, 2025

Time: 8am- 12pm

Location: Hudson Fire Department (2121 Ward Ave, Hudson WI 54016)

Description: Support Hudson Fire Department at their annual pancake breakfast! Come enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice. Free will donation.





Parking Near Fire Hydrants



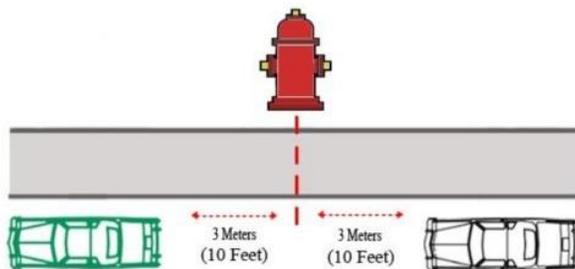
Parking at a Fire Plug

Fire hydrants play a crucial role in public safety by providing firefighters the necessary access to water during emergencies. When a vehicle obstructs a hydrant, it can significantly hinder fire truck access, potentially delaying the firefighters' response time and endangering the public. According to Wisconsin Statute, parking is prohibited **within 10 feet of a fire hydrant** unless otherwise specified. Many locations with fire hydrants are designated with yellow curbs. It is important to avoid parking in these zones, as violations can result in a \$50 parking fine, which may increase if not paid promptly.

Wisconsin State Statute 346.53

346.53 (3) Parking prohibited in certain specified places. No person shall stop or leave any vehicle standing in any of the following places except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may promptly be moved in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic:

(3) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, unless a greater distance is indicated by an official traffic sign.



Lakefront Park Boat Launch Reminders

Yellow Lines

- You are not allowed to park your vehicle and trailer along the yellow line inside the boat launch, this area is used to stage your boat before launching

Empty Boat Trailers

- City of Hudson Ordinance 235-3 G (5)
- No parking empty boats or watercraft trailers on public streets or city owned lots.
- The penalty for parking an empty boat trailer is a \$100 violation (fee will increase if not paid after a certain date)
- There are signs that post this ordinance as you enter Hudson; as well as at the boat launch.

Launch Fee

- There are 2 pay stations that only accept credit cards at the launch. NO CASH PAYMENTS

Vehicles without Trailers

- Vehicles that do not have a trailer are not allowed to park inside the boat launch. You will be required to park along 1st Street and pay for on-street parking. We recommend downloading the passport application to pay for your parking session.

Boat Launch Safety

- If you are going to be walking or biking in the area, please make sure to stay clear of the launch while vehicles are backing in and out of the water. Please keep an eye on your children.

Pets

- You are required to keep your pet on a leash at all times. Please remember to pick up after your pet as well.

Possible Spring Flooding at Lakefront Boat Launch



With the updated design the launch will now be able to stay open until the river reaches 683.4' above sea level. This is an increase of 2.4' from the previous level of 681'. However, it's still important to keep an eye on the weather and river levels, as flooding can still occur. If you're planning to visit the boat launch, be sure to check the City of Hudson's website for updates on any potential flooding alerts. You can find the alerts section on their website, which will provide you with the latest information on any temporary closures due to flooding.

Lakefront Park Boat Launch Alerts/ Closures

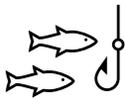
Event: Fishing Tournament

Date: Friday May 16, 2025

Time: 7am- 12pm

Location: Lakefront Park Boat Launch

Alert: Please plan ahead if you are planning on using the lakefront boat launch as there may be limited parking stalls, make sure you are following all boat launch parking rules listed on the signs.



Lakefront Park Boardwalk



The City of Hudson has a beautiful boardwalk located downtown, right along the St. Croix River. There are spaces for boat docking, allowing you to conveniently access downtown shop's and restaurants. You can also fish along the boardwalk in the designated areas. Make sure you read and follow the signs that are posted at the boardwalk. Below are the rules of the boardwalk per city ordinance 181-12 (D);

- 4 hour Max Parking Limit
- No Parking Between 2am and 6am
- No Boat Parking on Fishing Platforms
- No Swimming from Dock

City is **NOT** responsible for Boats or Contents

Parking Lot Closures/ Alerts

**** Emails will be sent out to permit holders and businesses closer to date as a reminder for all parking alerts.****



If your vehicle is found parked in a lot after the City of Hudson post a “ No parking or “ Closed for an event” sign, you are at risk for receiving a parking violation. The city posts signs a few days prior to a parking lot closure. Parking permit holders and business will receive an email if an email has been provided to receive alerts. Be sure to read and follow the posted signs. If you are interested in getting signed up for alerts, please send an email to the parking coordinator at ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov.

Event: Taste of the Valley- Hudson Rotary Event

Date: Thursday May 22, 2025

Time: 5pm- 10pm

Location: Lakefront Park (500 1st Street, Hudson WI 54016)

Alert: Updates will be sent out closer to date

Event: Coco's Heart 5k Doggie Day

Date: Saturday June 7th, 2025

Time: 6am- 2:30pm

Location: Lakefront Park (500 1st Street, Hudson WI 54016)

Alert: Updates will be sent out closer to date

Event: Hudson Pride Fest

Date: Saturday June 21, 2025

Time: 8am-10pm

Location: Lakefront Park (500 1st Street, Hudson WI 54016)

Alert: Updates will be sent out closer to date

Event: MN Orchestra Event

Date: Monday June 30th 2025

Time: 12 pm- 830pm

Location: Lakefront Park Bandshell (500 1st Street, Hudson WI 54016)

Alert: Updates will be sent out closer to date



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Enforcement Office Hours- City Hall

- Monday- Friday 8:00am to 4:30 pm

Enforcement Hours

- Monday- Saturday 10am to 8pm
 - Sundays are Free