

Parking on the St. Croix

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An Insight on Downtown Parking in Hudson, Wisconsin

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Happy New Year from Hudson Parking Enforcement!



As we welcome 2026, we'd like to remind everyone of a few important updates. The holiday parking offering the first three hours of free parking has ended, and regular parking rates now apply. However, you can still enjoy up to four hours of free parking in designated parking lots. Additionally, please check your parking permits and renew them if they have expired to avoid any parking citations.

Renewing your Parking Permits

If you've started receiving parking tickets again, it may be time to renew your parking permit. If you're unsure when your permit expires, contact the Parking Coordinator at ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov and include your license plate information.

Please note: Permit holders are **only allowed to swap a plate** if you receive a new plate or vehicle. If your car is in the shop for a day or a week, you are required to pay for parking during that time. Do not email the Parking Coordinator to notify them of temporary vehicle changes, unless you have purchased a new car or received a new plate.

To renew your parking permit, visit Hudson City Hall (505 Third Street).

- Applications are available in the main lobby or can be printed from the City of Hudson website at hudsonwi.gov/permits.
- Applications must be submitted in person at City Hall. Accepted payment methods include cash, credit card, and check.
- Please allow 3-5 business days for processing. Online applications are not available.

For questions, contact the Parking Coordinator at 715-386-4770 or ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov.

Unpaid Citations- Start the Year Off Right!



Begin 2026 on the right track by making sure all outstanding parking citations are paid. If you have an open citation, please take care of it promptly, as fees increase if they are not paid. If you're unsure whether you have any unpaid citations, contact the Parking Office at 715-386-4770.

How to Pay Your Parking Citation:

- **In Person:** Visit City Hall at 505 Third Street, Hudson, WI 54016. We accept cash, checks, money orders, and credit cards.
- **Online:** Visit hudsonwi.rmcpay.com. You'll need to provide one of the following: citation number, VIN, or license plate. Any open citations will appear.

Important Online Payment Information:

If your payment shows an error on the RMC payment website but appears as “pending” in your bank account, it means the transaction was declined due to a cardholder error. Common issues include incorrect CVV code, billing address mismatch, or insufficient funds. Multiple attempts may result in multiple pending charges, but these will drop from your account within a week.

For questions about parking violations or online charges, please contact the Parking Coordinator at ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov or 715-386-4770. When calling or emailing, please provide your citation number or license plate.



Senior Parking Permit Renewals

This is a reminder for residents who qualify for a senior parking permit (age 65 or older and living within Hudson city limits) to renew your permit for 2026 if you haven't already done so. Applications are available in the main lobby at City Hall. Once completed, you can place your application in the envelope near the front desk or in the blue box inside the main entrance.

Please note: You will not receive a physical parking permit or a notification when your renewal has been processed. All 2026 renewals will be entered into the permit system on January 2, 2026.

2nd Street Alley Parking

A friendly reminder that the 2nd Street alley is **paid on-street parking**. There is a pay station installed in the alley with a “Pay Here” sign, allowing you to pay for your parking session in this area. Parking is limited to **3 hours** in these spaces. If you forget to pay at the alley pay station, you can pay at any other pay station by entering your license plate number, or you may download and use the **Passport Parking App**.

Please note: This alley is **NOT** a permitted parking lot. If you have an employee or downtown parking permit, you will still be required to pay for parking in this location. We encourage employees not to park here to keep spaces available for customers throughout the day. There are a limited number of City-owned and enforced spots in this alley. A map is attached to help identify these areas.



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.



Passport Parking Application-Update

Please be advised of the following change regarding the Passport Parking Application:

You will no longer be able to extend your parking session once you have reached the maximum parking time allowed in the zone you are parked in.

New Procedure

- You may continue to purchase hourly parking sessions.
- Each zone has maximum allowable parking time.
- If you wish to remain parked past that limit, you must move your vehicle to a different space, and create a new parking session in the app.

Examples (Zone 17102 & 17110- Max 3 Hours)

- Park for 1 hour → Extend for 2 more hours = ✓
- Park for 2 hours → Extend for 1 more hour = ✓
- Park for 3 hours → No extension allowed = ✗ Must move vehicle

Maximum Parking Time by Zone

- Zone 17103 -8 hours
- Zone 17102 -3 hours
- Zone 17110 -3 hours

Important Reminders

- The Passport Parking App will display a message reminding you of this change.
- Overstaying or failure to pay for parking may result in a parking violation.

Hudson Hot Air Affair 2026

Stay tuned! A separate publication will be sent out closer to the event with details on parking lot closures, parade routes, and general event information.



Lakefront Boat Launch (Updated Fees)

As we head into the new season, please note the updated Lakefront Boat Launch fees.

Daily launch fees are:

- \$13.00 for WI Residents
- \$20.00 for non-residents

Season passes are:

- \$130.00 for Wisconsin residents
- \$195.00 for non-residents



Important: If you have any outstanding parking violations, they must be paid before your season pass becomes active. Season pass applications can be found online on the City of Hudson website or in the lobby at City Hall.

To pay the daily launch fee, two pay stations are located near the docks. Please note this is a launch fee, not a parking fee. The pay stations **accept credit cards only**, and you will need to enter your **vehicle license plate**, not your boat trailer plate.

If the Lakefront Boat Launch is full, the City of Hudson does **not** have an overflow lot. Additionally, please be aware that the City of Hudson has an ordinance regarding empty boat trailers parked in the area.



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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