

## 2019 HUDSON PARKING PLAN

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Fee increase



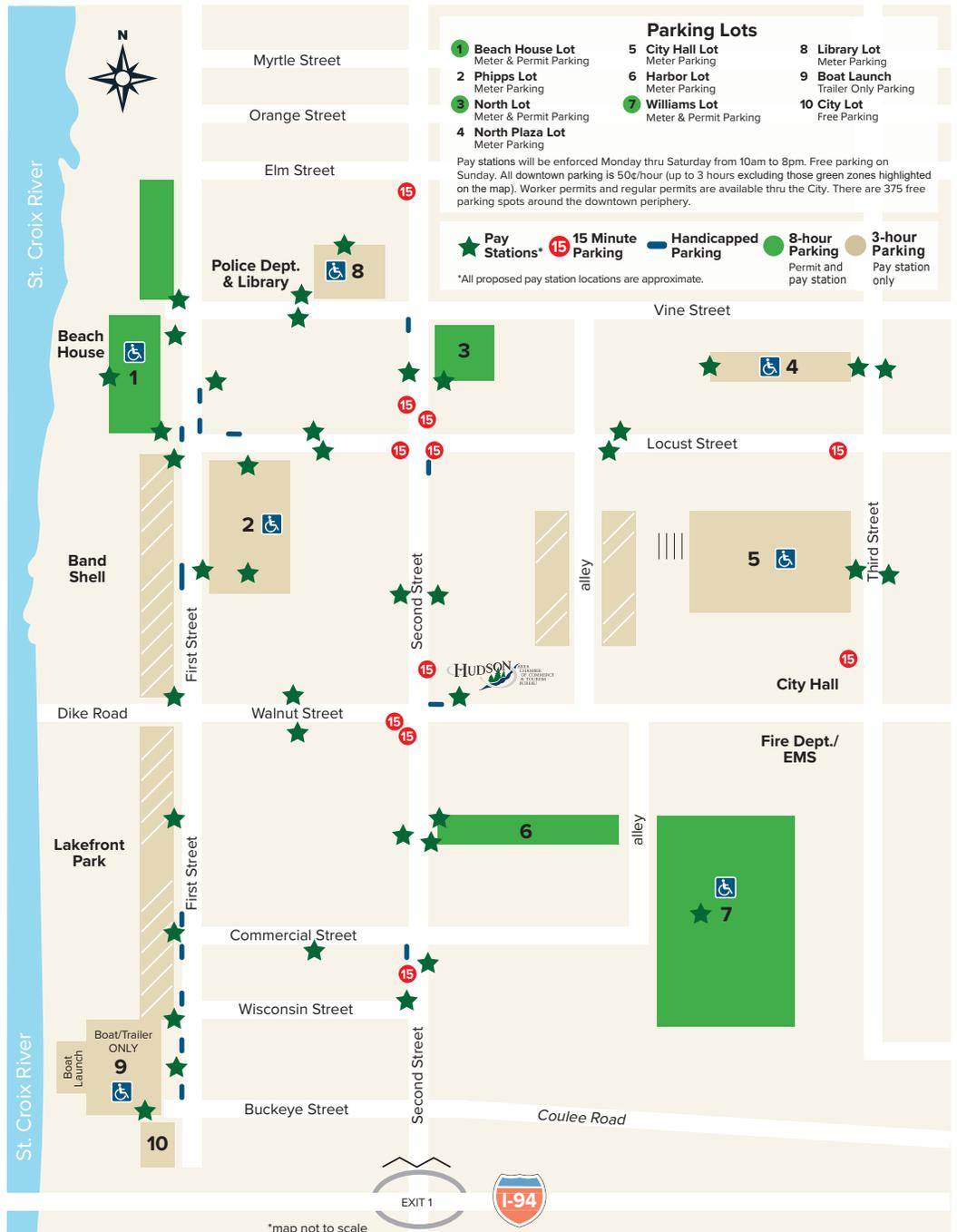
All new pay stations will be less than 1 block away



When the new parking plan will begin



More clearly marked parking signage



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## FAQ



### **Are parking fees changing?**

No, parking fees will remain at \$.50/hour.

### **Will all parking spots require a minimum payment of one hour?**

No, free parking spaces will be available for 15 minutes to allow customers to make quick stops into the stores and restaurants.

### **What hours will parking fees be collected?**

Parking fee collection hours of enforcement will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday. The new parking fee collection units will allow people to pay for a specific amount of time up front. There will no longer be a need to interrupt dinner or a meeting to plug the meter.

### **Will parking permits still be available?**

Yes, and the current fees are not changing. The fee remains at \$100/year for a downtown employee permit and \$200/year for a general permit.

### **Is there a limit to how long a visitor can park in one spot?**

A visitor can pay for a maximum of three hours in one spot.

### **How do I pay for parking?**

Like many other cities, Hudson is adopting an online parking payment application that residents and visitors can download onto a smart phone; this app allows the user to pay online. The parking fee collection units will also accept both coins and credit cards.

### **Are new parking spaces being added?**

The city is adding a few new parking spots immediately at River City Center, along First Street north of the beach house and will continue to review the adequacy of parking spaces every six months. Longer term, the City will be exploring other options to accommodate the increasing demand for parking.

### **Will free holiday season parking continue?**

Yes! In the spirit of the season, free parking will continue to be available from the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving until January 2 each year. It is applied to the first 3-hours of parking.

### **How are parking regulations enforced?**

The City is hiring one full-time parking coordinator and will have two part-time enforcement officers to enforce parking regulations, maintain the parking fee collection units, and educate residents and visitors on parking options.

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### **What is the cost of parking citations?**

The parking citation fee is \$7.

### **Why is Hudson making changes to parking at this time?**

As Hudson continues to grow and both resident and visitor traffic increases, parking is impacted. In partnership with the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, the City worked with an outside consulting firm who conducted a parking study in 2016-2017. In addition, the City created a task force to study the parking situation; this group has been meeting for several years to explore options for improving the parking in downtown Hudson. Based on the parking study results and the input of the parking task force, the city is now ready to move forward and take action. The changes are intended to position the city to accommodate future growth and demands on the parking system.

### **When will the new changes be implemented?**

Parking changes will begin in the Fall of 2019 when the old parking meters will be replaced with new parking fee collection units. Updated parking signage will also be installed in the downtown area. This transformation may take several months.

### **Will there be a grace period?**

To provide time for residents and visitors to get acquainted with the new system, changes to parking lots and time limits, there will be a grace period during which “warnings” will be issued instead of citations.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions or want to make a comment?**

The City is creating an online system to receive feedback and respond to questions. Watch for more details on the City’s website.

### **Will these changes be reviewed to determine the impact on downtown Hudson?**

Definitely. The City and the Parking Task Force will review these changes six months after implementation. At that time, the group will review and analyze all feedback to gain an increased understanding of how these changes are impacting the movement/turnover in parking spots to make it easier for everyone to find parking downtown.

