



Proposed Amendments to Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code

City of Tacoma | Public Works Department

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OVERVIEW



- Background
- Issues and Proposed Amendments

BACKGROUND



- TMC 11.05.707 and 11.05.708 do not explicitly address digital payment options. Updates will legislatively incorporate this allowance.
- Parking patterns and on-street influences have changed dramatically since the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional staff authority to create and administer permit-only parking zones in the on-street environment is necessary.
- Establish new code provision to address bike lane obstructions by vehicles.

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ISSUES



- Digital Payment Options
 - TMC 11.05.707 and 11.05.708 do not explicitly contemplate digital payment options for on-street parking payments.
 - Update to code will better align with current business practices which include both payment by meter and payment via mobile app.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (11.05.707)

11.05.707 Parking payment device violations.

~~F. The prohibitions in this section shall not apply on free parking days.~~

F. No person shall stop, stand or permit a vehicle within such person's control to be parked in any parking space controlled by a "pay by plate" parking pay station beyond the amount of time purchased for that space.

G. In parking locations where mobile applications or other digital platforms are authorized for use by the City to pay for parking using such authorized method, and a person elects to use such alternative in lieu of complying with the otherwise applicable pay and display parking requirements, no person shall stop, stand, or permit a vehicle within his or her control to be parked in any such location without complying with the payment requirements of the mobile application or other digital platform.

~~H. The prohibitions in this section shall not apply on free parking days.~~

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (11.05.708)

11.05.708 Improper parking receipt display.

It is unlawful to park or permit to be parked any vehicle in a space controlled by a "pay and display" parking pay station without properly displaying proof of payment as described in this section, or without complying with the requirements of an authorized mobile or digital parking payment platform authorized by the City for parking purposes. For parallel parking on one- and two-way streets, proper display of proof of payment requires affixing the receipt dispensed by the parking pay station inside the vehicle to the front seat's side window nearest the curb in such a manner that the expiration time and date are readily visible from the exterior. For front-and rear-end angle parking, proper display of proof of payment means affixing the receipt to the interior of the side window next to the driver's seat of the vehicle in such a manner that the expiration time and date are readily visible from the exterior. For motorcycles, receipts shall be affixed on the headlight cover. No more than one receipt shall be displayed. For authorized mobile or digital payments no display of proof of payment is required. Failure to comply with this section shall be punishable by a penalty in an amount of not less than \$15.00.

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ISSUES

- Permit Parking Only Zones
 - This new parking management tool can be used to help maximize the use of the right of way.
 - Staff could implement permit parking only zones to address changing commuting habits and other pressures that impact the ability of users to access the on-street system.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (11.05.250)

11.05.250 City Traffic Engineer regulates and designates on-street parking restrictions.

The City Traffic Engineer, or designee, has the authority to establish on-street parking restrictions to regulate the flow of traffic and/or parking. Such restrictions include, without limitation, Loading Zones, One-Hour Parking, Two-Hour Parking, No Parking Anytime, Disabled Parking, and similar designations. [This includes the authority to establish, expand, and dissolve permit parking only zones and the authority to create the rules and regulations related to permit application, acquisition, award, denial, and revocation.](#) No such parking restrictions shall apply to law enforcement or other emergency vehicles when in service.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (11.05.255)

11.05.255 Permit Parking Only Zones – violation.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in an established and posted or marked permit parking only zone unless:

A. a current and valid permit or other authorization issued by the City and required as a condition for parking is displayed on the vehicle as authorized by the permit or other authorization, in a conspicuous location, and as otherwise required by applicable law, rule or regulation; or,

B. the vehicle is not displaying a physical permit but has been otherwise authorized to park in such zone through the City's permit application process and the vehicle's license plate number has been listed or recorded as an authorized vehicle in the City's records maintained for such purposes; or,

C. a card or decal issued pursuant to RCW 46.19.030, as it exists or as hereinafter amended, is displayed in a prominent place on the vehicle.

Violation of this section shall constitute a parking infraction subject to a monetary penalty of not less than \$30.00.

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ISSUES

- Obstruct Bike lane or path
 - As the City's bike lane network continues to grow and mature, unobstructed passage through these thoroughfares and the ability to enforce the same, is becoming more important to ensure safe access and utilization of the network.
 - The current TMC does not contain a provision relating to vehicle obstruction of bike lanes.
 - Proposed code would establish this prohibition and provide specific authority for the enforcement of obstructions.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (11.05.246)

11.05.246 Obstruct Bike lane or path – violation.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle on or adjacent to a trail, path, lane, or other way which has been designated for the use of bicycles in such a manner as to obstruct or restrict the use of any portion thereof. This section does not apply to emergency vehicles when in service or maintenance vehicles engaged in authorized maintenance work. Violation of this section is a parking infraction subject to a penalty of not less than \$30.

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