Columbia City, IN Code of Ordinances

CHAPTER 71: PARKING REGULATIONS

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§ 71.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DESIGNATED PARKING. Any parking zone, parking space or driveway giving access from a public way to a building.

DRIVEWAY. A passageway for vehicles composed of concrete, asphalt or gravel that serves to connect a public street or alley to a garage or legal parking space.

PARK, or PARKING. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, on the street, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers, or loading or unloading merchandise, or in obedience of traffic regulations, signs, or signals, or an involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond control of the operator of the vehicle.

PARKING SPACE. Any space within the parking zone, which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle by lines painted or otherwise durably marked on the curb or the surface of the street adjacent to or adjoining the curbs, or sidewalks, or on the surface of parking lots.

PARKING ZONES. Any restricted street or municipality-owned parking lot upon which parking signs are installed limiting and regulating parking.

PERSON. Any individual, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation.

OPERATOR. Every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee, or permittee of the owner; or who is in actual physical control of the vehicle.

STREET. Any public street, avenue, road, alley, highway, lane, path, or other public place located in the city and established for the use of vehicles.

VEHICLE. Any device in, on, or by which any person or property is or may be transported on a highway, except a device which is operated on rails or tracks.

(1980 Code, § 72.01) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977; Am. Ord. 964, passed 8-12-1986)

§ 71.02 PARKING ZONES.

- (A) There are hereby established zones to be known as "parking zones" in the following streets:
- (1) Van Buren Street from Walnut Street to Washington Street;
- (2) In the one-half block of Line Street immediately north and south of Van Buren Street;
- (3) Chauncey Street from Jackson Street to Market Street;
- (4) Main Street from Jackson Street to Ellsworth Street:
 - (5) Market Street from Chauncey Street to Main Street;
- (6) The municipally-owned parking lot located adjacent to Chauncey Street on the south side of the United States Post Office Building;
- (7) The north side of Market Street and the one-half block east of Main Street;
- (8) The north side of Ellsworth Street in the one-half block west of Main Street; and
- (9) The municipally-owned parking lot located adjacent to Line Street on the south side of Market Street.
- (B) From time to time hereafter as traffic conditions require and such other streets and avenues as are selected by resolution of the Common Council of the city for the location of such parking zones, all frontages on the streets defining the zones are to be included herein.

(1980 Code, § 72.02) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977; Am. Ord. 782, passed 8-27-1984; Am. Ord. 1988-20, passed 7-26-1988; Am. Ord. 2001-19, passed 11-27-2001)

§ 71.03 LIMITED PARKING SPACES.

- (A) Anything contrary in this section notwithstanding, there is established a ten-minute parking limit for the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth parking spaces on the north side of Market Street west of Chauncey Street.
- (B) Anything contrary in this section notwithstanding, the north side of Market Street between Chauncey Street and Main Street, during the hours of operation of the Whitley County Court House, is reserved for the exclusive parking of Whitley County Court House employees.

- (C) Anything contrary in this section notwithstanding, there are hereby established as loading zones, not to exceed 12 feet in width, spaces for the parking or standing of freight carrying vehicles for a period of time no longer than is necessary to load, unload, and deliver materials, not to exceed 30 minutes, in the following locations:
- (1) On the east side of Chauncey Street and the one-half block north of Van Buren Street;
- (2) On the west side of Chauncey Street and the one-half block south of Van Buren Street;
- (3) On the east side of Line Street and the one-half block south of Van Buren Street.
- (D) The Board of Public Works and Safety, by resolution, is hereby authorized to designate up to four certain parking spaces on the west side of Chauncey Street in the one-half block north of Market Street as spaces for use by law enforcement vehicles only.
- (E) The Board of Public Works and Safety, by resolution, is hereby authorized to designate up to three certain parking spaces on the west side of Chauncey Street in the one-half block north of Market Street as spaces for use by law enforcement vehicles only, and is also authorized to designate by resolution one space on the west side of Chauncey Street north of Market Street for the exclusive use by the Mayor, and is further authorized to designate, by resolution, one space on the north side of Market Street west of Chauncey Street for the exclusive use of the Columbia City Volunteer Fire Department.

(1980 Code, § 72.03) (Ord. 782, passed 8-27-1984; Am. Ord. 1997-11, passed 8-26-1997; Am. Ord. 2010-33, passed 11-23-2010)

§ 71.04 INSTALLATION OF SIGNS.

- (A) The Chief of Police is directed and authorized to mark off individual parking spaces within the designated parking zones as described in §§ 71.02 and 71.03, and such other zones as may hereafter be established. The parking spaces shall be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street or lot at each space so marked. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in such a way as the vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated.
- (B) In the parking zones the Chief of Police shall cause signs to be placed along the curb, sidewalk or on the municipal lot in a place visible, apparent, and easily seen by persons and operators of motor vehicles who shall desire to park therein. The sign shall designate the parking limitations and restrictions as set forth in this chapter and shall be installed no more than two feet from the curb.

(1980 Code, § 72.04) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977; Am. Ord. 782, passed 8-27-1984)

§ 71.05 PARKING TIME LIMITS.

- (A) Parking or standing a vehicle in a designated space in a designated parking zone as defined in § 71.02 shall be lawful for two hours without charge.
- (B) Limitations on parking within the designated parking zones as set forth in §§ 71.02 and 71.03 shall be Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Unlimited parking within the parking zones shall not be unlawful on Sundays and holidays except in loading zones. The term HOLIDAY as used in this section shall include the following days only: the first day of January, the thirtieth day in May, the Fourth of July, the first Monday in September, the twenty-fifth day of December, and the day designated and set aside by the President of the United States as the day of Thanksgiving.

(1980 Code, § 72.05) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977; Am. Ord. 782, passed 8-27-1984)

§ 71.06 VIOLATIONS.

- (A) No person shall permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space designated as a "no parking" zone. No person shall permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space designated as a parking zone in § 71.02 beyond the period prescribed by § 71.05.
- (B) No person shall park any vehicle across any lines or marking of a parking space, within the designated parking zones, or in a position that such vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings.
- (C) A person may not stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle, in any of the following places:
 - (1) On a sidewalk or on grass.
 - (2) In front of a public or private driveway.
 - (3) Within an intersection.
 - (4) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
 - (5) On a crosswalk.
 - (6) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- (7) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.

- (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic authority indicates a different length by signs or markings.
- (9) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
- (10) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station and, on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station, within 75 feet of the entrance (when proper sign posted).
- (11) Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction if stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
- (12) On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (13) Upon a bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.
- (14) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
- (D) Parallel parking; roadways with adjacent curbs; regulations; motorcycles.
- (1) Except as provided in division (2) below and except where angle parking is permitted by local ordinance for streets under local control and by order of the City of Columbia City on streets and highways in the City of Columbia City system, a vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb must be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb.
- (2) A motorcycle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb may be stopped or parked with the rear wheel of the motorcycle to the curb and with the front tire facing the flow of traffic.
- (E) For each and every parking violation and/or failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter, a penalty in the sum of \$5 shall be assessed and imposed upon the operator for such violation, which penalty shall be paid to the office of the Clerk-Treasurer within 14 days of the date of the assessment. If not paid within 14 days of the date of assessment, such penalty shall increase to the sum of \$35. If such penalty is not paid within 30 days of the date of assessment, enforcement of this chapter shall be in accordance with I.C. 34-28-5-1 et seq., in that any violation hereof shall permit the city to request a judgment against such violator in a sum not to exceed \$50.
- (F) For the purposes of this section, parking shall not be prohibited in the following areas:

- (1) When necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to avoid conflict with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.
- (2) During special events, including but not limited to the day of the Old Settlers Day Parade.
- (G) The Columbia City Board of Public Works may grant permission for a vehicle to violate this section if the requesting party demonstrates good cause.

(1980 Code, § 72.06) (Ord. 1988-5, passed 4-26-1988; Am. Ord. 1997-13, passed 9-23-1997; Am. Ord. 2001-19, passed 11-27-2001; Am. Ord. 2007-22, passed 11-27-2007)

§ 71.07 ENFORCEMENT.

The Police Department shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(1980 Code, § 72.07) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977)

§ 71.08 USE OF FUNDS.

All fines, moneys from violations, and other fees collected hereunder shall be placed in the Off-Street Parking Fund.

(1980 Code, § 72.08) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977)

§ 71.09 RESERVATION OF POWERS.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the city from providing for bus stops, taxicab stands, and other matters of similar nature, including the loading and unloading of trucks, vans, and other commercial vehicles.

(1980 Code, § 72.09) (Ord. 680, passed 2-22-1977)

§ 71.10 IMPOUNDING OF UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLE; REDEMPTION.

Any police officer, on discovering any vehicle parked or stopped in violation of this chapter, may remove the vehicle, or cause the vehicle to be removed to any city-owned property, or to a private garage where the vehicle shall be impounded and retained. A vehicle towed away for illegal parking shall be restored to the owner of the vehicle on the payment of a fee of \$5 within 24 hours after the time the vehicle was removed, plus \$5 for each additional 24 hours or fraction thereof, and in addition thereto, he or she

shall pay the cost of towing the vehicle away from the place where it was illegally parked.

(1980 Code, § 72.10)

§ 71.11 EMERGENCY ROUTES.

- (A) The Chief of Police, Fire Chief and/or his or her duly authorized designee shall have the authority to establish emergency routes within the city when conditions exist or threaten to exist that may substantially impede the free flow of traffic on city streets.
- (B) No person shall park or cause a vehicle to remain upon any street designated as an emergency route.
- (C) Signs shall be placed and maintained on streets designating them as emergency routes. The signage shall be in number and placement as deemed reasonable and necessary by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief and/or his or her duly authorized designee.
- (D) The emergency routes shall remain in effect until the signage is removed.
- (E) The City Police and/or Fire Department may remove or cause to be removed, at the owner's expense, any vehicle remaining on an emergency route after the emergency route has been designated by the placement of signage.
- (F) When possible, the residents of the affected streets shall be notified of the emergency route in advance of the placement of the signage.

(Ord. 2010-14, passed 6-8-2010)

MISCELLANEOUS RESTRICTIONS

§ 71.15 PARKING IN ALLEYS.

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner, or under such conditions, as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, except while loading or unloading, and no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle within an alley in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

(1980 Code, § 72.15) (Ord. 527, passed 11-23-1965)

§ 71.16 PARKING OF TRUCKS.

- (A) No person shall park a vehicle of an over-all length of more than 51 feet, or of an over-all width of more than eight feet six inches, on or in any street or alley in any residential district. No semi-tractor trailer, even those within aforementioned length and width, shall be allowed to park on or in any street or alley in any residential district. However, vehicles over the aforementioned length and width and semi-tractor trailers may temporarily park such vehicle while actually engaged in loading or unloading freight or other materials on or from such vehicle.
- (B) No person shall park a motor vehicle which carries a truck license, plates and weighs more the 8,000 pounds on Ellsworth Street east of Madison Street from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.

(1980 Code, § 72.16) (Ord. 537, passed 4-26-1966; Am. Ord. 734, passed 10-14-1980; Am. Ord. 2009-16, passed 9-22-2009) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.17 PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICULAR STREETS.

No person shall park a vehicle on any street or alley, or portion thereof, as set forth in Ch. 75, Sch. VI, during the times indicated therein.

(1980 Code, § 72.17)

§ 71.18 PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.

- (A) Name. This section shall be known as the Snow Emergency Ordinance for the city and shall apply to all streets, roads, highways, alleys and rights-of-way maintained by the City Street Department ("Streets").
 - (B) Declaration of snow emergency.
- (1) The Mayor of the city, after consultation with the Chief of Police, the Street Superintendent, the department head of an established emergency management department, or the respective representative designated by each as the person to consult in his or her absence for the purpose of recommending a snow emergency declaration, may declare a snow emergency by executive order when, in the Mayor's judgment, such order would be in the best interest of the public safety and welfare of the residents of the city. In the event the Mayor is unavailable, then the acting President of the Common Council may declare a snow emergency upon consultation as directed hereinabove.
- (2) The Mayor or presiding official or their designees who declare a snow emergency shall designate whether it is a Level 1 Snow Emergency or a Level 2 Snow Emergency based upon the criteria set forth in division (C). Such emergency shall continue in effect until the above

mentioned official or his or her respective designee who declared the emergency thereafter determine an emergency no longer exists and terminates the emergency order.

- (C) Snow emergency levels. A snow emergency declaration pursuant to this section shall designate one of two emergency levels in order to keep the residents of the city informed of the weather and city street conditions and to assist the City Street Department in the clearing of the city streets by eliminating stranded vehicles.
- (1) Level 1 Snow Emergency. A Level 1 Snow Emergency may be declared when streets have become snow covered and are drifting shut. When a Level 1 Snow Emergency is declared, the general public should travel only when absolutely necessary; persons having vehicles stranded are required to move them so as not to impede the flow of traffic or the snow removal operations and stranded vehicles will be removed at the owner's expense; and city agencies will not be directed to close. When a Level 1 Snow Emergency is declared, members of the public will be encouraged to contact their employer concerning policy rather than contacting the Police Department and will be advised to listen to the media for situation upgrades.
- (2) Level 2 Snow Emergency. A Level 2 Snow Emergency may be declared when streets are significantly snow covered, if not impassable, and more significant restrictions on use of the streets by members of the public are appropriate. When a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared as provided in this section, all motor vehicle travel on streets is prohibited; and motorists shall travel at their own risk and shall be deemed in violation of this section if they block or impede the travel of any vehicle on a street, including any blockage or impediment caused by a stuck, stalled or abandoned vehicle.
- (D) Publication and broadcast. Publication and broadcast of a Level 1 and Level 2 Snow Emergency declaration order shall be made or caused to be made by the Mayor or other officials designating the level of the snow emergency by issuing a press release to all area law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospitals and news media. The declaration shall be filed with the County Emergency Management Agency, State Emergency Management Agency, and the City Clerk-Treasurer.
- (E) Exempt vehicles. Those vehicles exempt from this section shall include medical assistance, law enforcement, fire department, emergency management, public utility, and fuel hauling vehicles, and employees of any of the above exempt services, if engaged in performing their respective duties. Any other vehicles violating this section are subject to removal by towing or other means at the expense of the owner of the vehicle, when such towing and/or removal is deemed necessary by any one or more of the following: the Street Department, the Police Department, the State Conservation Officer, or the State Police.

(1980 Code, § 72.18) (Ord. 671, passed 10-5-1976; Am. Ord. 758, passed 10-12-1982; Am. Ord. 2002-6, passed 4-8-2002) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.19 PARKING OR LOITERING NEAR BUSINESS OR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

- (A) It shall be unlawful to block entrances or exits to any parking area adjacent to any business building or public building in any manner, whether by vehicle, persons, or barricades, unless by direction of the owner or manager of any public building or business, whereby doing so causes any difficulty in entering or exiting the premises or adjacent drive or parking area, except for the purpose of repairs by municipal authorities or private contractors engaged by the owner.
- (B) It shall be unlawful to create or cause to be created any loud or unseemly noise on the premises of any public facility or business, including but not limited to racing of engines of motor vehicles, sudden starting or stopping of a vehicle, or blowing any horn or noisemaking device, or yelling or other loud or disruptive behavior or actions.
- (C) It shall be unlawful for any persons on a walkway, driveway, or parking area of a public building or business building, whether in or out of an automobile or other vehicle to consume any intoxicating substance.
- (D) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive motor vehicles repeatedly through parking areas or driveways of any public building or business building without attempting to park the vehicle.
- (E) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any unoccupied motor vehicle upon a walkway, driveway, or parking area of a public building or business building and to leave such premises to go elsewhere without the knowledge and consent of the owner, manager, or person in charge of the premises, if the owner or manager has displayed on the premises the postings described in division (F).
- (F) It shall be the duty of the owner or manager of public and business premises to post notices in a conspicuous location by one or more signs displaying the fact that the premises are protected by the terms of this section.

(1980 Code, § 72.19) (Ord. 655, passed 6-24-1975)

§ 71.20 PARKING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND PERMITTEES.

(A) There is established an off-street parking lot to be known as the Municipal Employees Parking Lot on the following described real estate located in Whitley County, Indiana, to wit:

The North Half of Lot Number Four in Block 16 of the Original Plat of the Town of Columbia, now City of Columbia City, Indiana, except six feet off the east side thereof; commonly known as the southeast corner of Line and Market Streets.

(B) It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in the Municipal Employees Parking Lot without having first obtained a permit

therefor. Applications for such permit shall be made in writing to the Clerk-Treasurer and shall contain all necessary information to insure compliance with the provisions of this section, including a description of the vehicle for which a permit is to be issued. Permits shall be issued to municipal employees, upon application, on a first come first serve basis at no charge.

- (C) If the Clerk-Treasurer determines there to be additional parking spaces available, after the demands of municipal employees have been met, the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to issue monthly permits for such parking, upon application, and upon payment by the permittee of the monthly permit fee in the sum of \$15.
- (D) Limitations on the parking within the Municipal Employees Parking Lot as set forth in division (B) above shall be Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Unlimited parking within the Municipal Employees Parking Lot shall not be unlawful on Sundays, holidays, and other times not specifically enumerated above.
- (E) Vehicles parked on the Municipal Employees Parking Lot in violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in § 71.06 and may be impounded and subject to the impoundment charges and other charges as set forth in § 71.10.

(1980 Code, § 72.20) (Ord. 964, passed 8-12-1986)

§ 71.21 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES.

- (A) The Board of Public Works and Safety, by resolution, is hereby authorized to designate certain parking spaces in the parking zones established in § 71.02 as spaces for use by handicapped individuals. As used in this section, HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS means any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.
- (B) For the purpose of this section the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT. A decal or other device used in accordance with state law by any handicapped driver, using the international handicapped symbol consisting of a stylized wheelchair on a blue background.

(C) Unauthorized use of parking spaces prohibited. No person, except a person driving pursuant to a handicapped parking permit shall park any motor vehicle in any parking space marked as reserved for handicapped persons. This provision shall apply not only on public streets of the city and in parking lots owned or operated by the city, but also on private parking areas in the city.

- (D) Violation. A violation of this chapter shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of any of the following;
- (1) Any person parks a motor vehicle which does not have displayed a placard of a person with a physical disability or a disabled veteran, issued under I.C. 9-14-5 or under the laws of another state, or a registration plate of a person with a physical disability or a disabled veteran, issued under I.C. 9-18-18, I.C. 9-18-22, or under the laws of another state, in a parking space reserved under this chapter for a vehicle of a person with a physical disability;
- (2) Any person knowingly parks in a parking space reserved for a person with a physical disability while displaying a placard to which neither the person nor the person's passenger is entitled;
- (3) Any person displays for use in parking in a parking space reserved for a person with a physical disability a placard or a special license plate that was not issued under I.C. 9-14-5, I.C. 9-18-18, I.C. 9-18-22, or under the laws of another state;
- (4) A person, in a parking space reserved for a person with a physical disability, parks a vehicle that displays a placard or special registration plate entitling a person to park in a parking space reserved for a person with a physical disability while that person is not, at that time, in the process of transporting a person with a physical disability or disabled veteran.
- (E) Handicapped parking permit issued by another state. Any handicapped driver exhibiting a handicapped parking permit issued by another state may park a vehicle in a space reserved for vehicles of handicapped drivers.
- (F) Subject to state law. This section shall be subject to the provisions of I.C. 5-16-9-5, and as may be amended from time to time.

(1980 Code, § 72.21) (Ord. 782, passed 8-27-1984; Am. Ord. 1989-18, passed 7-11-1989; Am. Ord. 2012-14, passed 7-10-2012) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.22 UNCONTROLLED PARKING OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED.

- (A) Prohibited parking areas.
- (1) It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in a front yard, or in a side yard on the street side of a corner lot.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle over any part of the sidewalk or curb that is parallel to the public way, including the part of the sidewalk that is part of a driveway.
- (B) Exceptions. For the purposes of this section, parking shall not be prohibited in the following areas:

- (1) An improved space in the prohibited parking area used as a parking space before this section is adopted, provided that the entrance to the approved area is via a driveway or curb cut, except where adjacent to a paved street where there is no curb.
- (2) Parking on any portion of the driveway that may be located in the front yard, rear yard or side yard, except the portion that is part of the sidewalk.
- (3) Parking within ten feet of the edge of the street where no curb is present, within the existing right-of-way, and in an improved space.
- (4) Any improved area meeting setback requirements and other applicable zoning provisions. The Planning and Zoning Department must determine compliance with all such improved areas.
- (5) Parking in a front yard, side yard or rear yard for the purpose of unloading a vehicle, washing a vehicle or some other similar purpose. The vehicle, however, must be removed from the front yard, side yard or rear yard once the task is completed.
- (6) During special events, including but not limited to all holidays.
- (C) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly states or indicates a different meaning:
- (1) FRONT YARD. A yard extending across the full width of the lot, lying between the front property line or the right-of-way, and the furthermost projection of the principal building or group of buildings.
- (2) SIDE YARD. A yard lying between the furthermost projection of a building and a side lot line and extending from the required front yard to the required rear yard.
- (3) REAR YARD. A yard extending across the full width of a lot and lying between the rear lot line and the furthermost projection of a building.
- (4) DRIVEWAY. A passageway for vehicles composed of concrete, asphalt or gravel that serves to connect a public street or alley to a garage or legal parking space.
- (5) IMPROVED SPACE. A section of the lot that has been altered and defined by concrete, asphalt, or gravel, with a positive boundary, for the means of providing a parking space for a vehicle. Theimproved area must be entered via a driveway or curb cut, except where adjacent to a paved street where there is no curb.
- (6) VEHICLE. Any device in, on or by which any person or property is or may be transported on a highway, including but not limited to mobile campers, boats, motorcycles, mopeds, trailers, wagons or

any vehicle designed for the conveyance of persons, property or animals. However, this term does not include bicycles.

- (D) Enforcement; citation; penalty.
- (1) The City of Columbia City Ordinance Administrator or Enforcer, or any officer of the Police Department may enforce the provisions of this section. The preceding authorized persons shall be known as "officer" for the purposes of this section.
- (2) An officer may issue a citation for a violation of this section, subjecting the violator to a fine up to \$50. The citation shall be placed in a prominent place upon the vehicle.
- (3) The citation shall be filed with the City of Columbia City Violations Bureau or with any court of competent jurisdiction in Whitley County, Indiana.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, the violator shall be the person to whom the unlawfully parked vehicle is registered.
- (E) The Columbia City Board of Public Works may grant permission, on a permanent or temporary basis, for a vehicle to park on any front yard, curb, sidewalk or any area not designated as a parking space, lot or existing driveway if the requesting party demonstrates good cause.

(Ord. 2007-03, passed 11-27-2006; Am. Ord. 2007-23, passed 11-27-2007)

§ 71.99 PENALTY.

- (A) Whoever shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, or who shall counsel, aid, or abet any such violation or failure to comply, shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be punished as set forth in § 71.06.
- (B) Violations of § 71.21 are subject to the provisions of I.C. 5-16-9-5, 34-28-5-4 and 34-28-5-1. Violators of § 71.21 commit a Class C infraction and, notwithstanding I.C. 34-28-5-4(c), a civil judgment of not less than \$50 shall be imposed for an infraction committed in violation of § 71.21.

(Ord. 1989-18, passed 7-11-1989; Am. Ord. 2012-14, passed 7-10-2012)

(C) Any persons violating any provisions of § 71.18 shall be guilty of the commission of an infraction and may be fined any sum not to exceed \$100 and such shall be enforceable in any court of law duly authorized by state law and, in addition to such fine, the court shall be authorized to direct the violator to repay the city any monetary losses or expenses incurred as a result of the violation.

(Ord. 2002-6, passed 4-8-2002)

(D) Any person who shall park or cause a vehicle to remain on any emergency route in violation of § 71.11 shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation and may be fined any sum not to exceed \$100. Such fine shall be enforceable in any court of law duly authorized by state law and, in addition to such fine, the court shall be authorized to direct the violator to repay the city any monetary losses or expenses incurred as a result of the violation. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(Ord. 2010-14, passed 6-8-2010)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71, PARKING REGULATIONS, OF TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Chapter 71, Parking Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, provides for certain regulations and parking zones; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, after full investigation, has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Columbia City that the City's Parking Regulations should be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. Section 71.02(A), Parking Zones, is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

- (A) Parking zones established. There are hereby established zones to be known as "parking zones" in the following streets:
- (1) Van Buren Street from Line Street to Main Street:

(2) Main Street from Jackson Street to Ellsworth Street; and

(3) The municipally-owned parking lot located adjacent to Line Street on the south side of Market Street.

Section 2. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance in which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

<u>Section 3</u>. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, this ________, day of _________, 2018.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:

Daniel Weigold

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Attest:

Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasure

Approved this Hay of the , 2018.