

05/12/2025 (Date of First Reading)
05/19/2025 (Date of Public Hearing)

ORDINANCE NO. M- [Ordinance Number]

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Parking Code for the City of Vancouver under Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Titles 19 and 9; amending VMC sections 19.040.070 relating to On-Street Permits; 19.13.010 relating to payment transferability; 19.11.030 relating to parking meter fees designated; 9.92.10 relating to Carpool permit eligibility; 9.92.020 relating to Carpool permit parking hours; 9.92.040 relating to Carpool Permit rate; providing for severability; and setting an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver downtown parking ordinances date back to 1948; and

WHEREAS, in early 2024 the City of Vancouver Parking Services department initiated a occupancy and existing conditions study as a part of the City's effort to develop a Downtown Access and Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, between January of 2024 and January of 2025 multiple community stakeholder engagements were included in the existing conditions and community outreach phases of the Downtown Access and Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, the Vancouver City Council reviewed weekend occupancy and existing conditions in a September 9th, 2024 Workshop, and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025 Vancouver City Council reviewed proposed changes to weekend parking regulations, hours of payments, permit reforms and pricing in the Downtown Access and Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Advisory Committee and City Center Redevelopment Authority has reviewed and approved the proposed changes to weekend parking regulations; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025 City Council adopted the new Downtown Access and Mobility Plan, which included the proposed changes to weekend parking regulations; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025 the Parking Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the changes to the Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) proposed by this ordinance.

WHEREAS, City Council adopts and incorporates by reference Staff Report SR_____ and the Downtown Access and Mobility Plan and finds that it is in the public interest to amend VMC 19.040.070, 19.13.010, 19.11.030, 9.92.010, 9.92.020 and 9.92.040 to implement actions defined in the Downtown Access and Mobility Plan.

WHEREAS, with proper notice to the public, the Vancouver City Council conducted a first reading of the proposed ordinance on May 12, 2025 and a public hearing concerning the ordinance and proposed code changes on May 19, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings. The recitals set forth above are adopted as the legislative findings of the City Council of the City of Vancouver in support of adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Vancouver Municipal Code Section 19.04.070 entitled “Permits – Issuance, display and fee” as codified by Ordinance Ord. M-4088 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 19.04.070-Permits- Issuance, Display and fee

The parking permits provided for in section 19.10.050 shall be issued by the department of finance upon application of anyone providing satisfactory evidence that he or she works in the central city area, and upon payment in advance of a fee hereby set at no more than ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ two hundred dollars (\$200) per month for long-term permits. This maximum fee may be reduced administratively by the city manager or his/her designee pursuant to the guidelines set forth in section 19.11.040. The city manager, or his/her designee, shall report to the city council from time to time as requested by the city council, but in any event, shall report at least once every year regarding these parking rates. Such person shall be issued a parking permit in a form to be prepared by the department of finance, which permit shall be displayed in or on his or her vehicle so as to be readily observable by parking control officers, and then such vehicle can be parked at any legal parking space which is marked as being for parking by permit only. (Ord. M-4088 §1, 2014)

SECTION 3. Vancouver Municipal Code Section 19.13.010 entitled “Compliance required-Pay stations” as codified by Ordinance Ord. M-4088 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 19.13.010-Complainace required-Pay stations

A. *Compliance with Instructions and Limitations of Use.* Every person who parks a vehicle in an area regulated by a parking pay station is required to comply with the instructions for use, including, but not limited to, applicable time limits and proper proof and display of payment.

~~B. *Transferability.* An individual may use a valid or unexpired receipt or proof of payment from a parking pay station to park in any parking space, regulated by a parking meter, without additional payment to the meter, so long as the individual complies with the time limits for parking applicable to the parking space and displays proof of payment in the required manner.~~

~~C.~~B. *Permits.* Any permit that exempts an individual from paying parking meter fees shall also exempt that individual from the payments required by parking pay stations, provided that the holder of any authorized permit complies with the permit's conditions.

SECTION 4. Vancouver Municipal Code Section 19.11.030 entitled "Parking meter fees designated" as codified by Ordinance Ord. M-4088 and most recently amended by Ordinance Ord. M-4365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 19.11.030 - Parking meter fees designated

A. Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily ~~except Saturdays and Sundays, and also~~ except days being celebrated as any city-recognized holiday, the operator of a vehicle, upon entering any metered parking space, shall immediately deposit, in the proper adjacent parking meter, coins totaling no more than ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.50 per hour as shown on the meter, and shall put the meter in operation. (In some short-term meters a portion of the hour is available free by turning

the dial of the meter.) If the vehicle remains parked in the parking space beyond the legal parking time which is designated by a sign or signal on the parking meter, such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime. In zones where parking is limited to 15 minutes or less per use, the meter fee shall be no more than \$0.70 per quarter hour. In zones where parking is limited to 30 minutes or less per use, the meter fee shall be no more than \$1.30 per half hour. In zones where parking is limited to two hours or less per use, the meter fee shall be no more than ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.50 per hour. In zones where parking is permitted for longer than two hours per use, the meter fee shall be no more than ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.50 per hour.

The parking meter fee may be reduced administratively by the city manager or his/her designee in accordance with the provisions of VMC [19.11.040](#). The city manager, or his/her designee, shall report to the city council from time to time as requested by the city council, but in any event, shall report at least once every year regarding these parking rates.

B. The department of public works shall cause for there to be installed on each parking meter a suitable plate informing of the hours and days in which such metered parking regulations are enforced.

SECTION 5. Vancouver Municipal Code Section 09.92.010 entitled “Program established.” as codified by Ordinance Ord. M-2198 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9.92.010-Program established

As recommended in Staff Report 426-80 and approved by city council on November 24, 1980, and as discussed in SR 278-A-80, an employee carpool program for downtown Vancouver is

established. For purposes of this program, a "carpool" is defined as any instance in which two or more persons regularly drive together to and from downtown Vancouver at least ~~four~~ two days per week. Preference may be granted to carpools with three or more participants. Permits shall be issued to individuals applying for and qualifying for said program and such permits shall authorize permit holders to park in one of eighty-two on-street parking spaces herein designated for carpools between the hours of ~~seven a.m. and nine a.m., Monday to Friday~~ eight a.m. to eleven a.m., seven days a week. Such permits shall be displayed on vehicles as required by rules and regulations established and to be established pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 6. Vancouver Municipal Code Section 09.92.020 entitled "Spaces designated" as codified by Ordinance Ord. M-2198 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.92.020-Spaces designated

Eighty-two on-street parking spaces, as shown on the map attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter as Exhibit "A," are designated carpool parking spaces. Such spaces shall be signed accordingly and designated exclusively for carpool use, as defined by this chapter, between the hours of ~~seven a.m. to nine a.m., Monday through Friday. After the hour of nine a.m.,~~ eight a.m. to eleven a.m., seven days a week. After the hour of eleven a.m. such spaces shall be open to other parking uses if not occupied by a vehicle with such a permit, subject to any other applicable parking regulations. (Ord. M-2198 §2, 1981)

SECTION 7. Vancouver Municipal Code Section 09.92.040 entitled “Permit fee.” as codified by Ordinance Ord. M-2198 and most recently amended by Ordinance Ord. M-2680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.92.040-Permit fee.

The fee for obtaining a carpool permit shall be ~~thirty dollars for each two months, payable bimonthly~~ no more than one hundred dollars for each month, payable monthly in advance, or as established by rule. Renewals shall be obtained by the fifteenth of the second month of each bimonthly period on forms approved and supplied by the city for such purpose and in accordance with rules established pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 8. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any parts thereof to any other person or circumstances and to this end the provisions of each clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this law are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 9. Effective date and Notice. This ordinance shall be effective on June 1, 2025.

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE at a Regular Meeting of the Vancouver City Council:

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SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Nena Cook, City Attorney

SUMMARY

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The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request. Contact public records staff at (360) 487-8480, citypdr@cityofvancouver.us, or via [Public Records Request -The City of Vancouver, WA](#).

