



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

October 20, 2025

3:30 PM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room,
2nd Floor

ROLL CALL

Council President Moore called the workshop to order at 4:28 P.M. (immediately following the 3:30 P.M. Agenda Conference).

Council Members Present: Jared Moore, Allison Patton, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Casey Jones, Delarian Wiggins

Council Members Absent: Teniade Broughton

Also Present: Mayor D.C. Reeves (left 4:48 P.M.)

SELECTION OF CHAIR

Council Member Moore suggested Council Vice President Patton chair the meeting and Council Member Brahier concurred. *No objection.*

DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Although the Council's consensus was to hear from the public, there was no one from the public in attendance.

DISCUSSION

1. 25-1382 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 11-2-24 CITY CODE -- PARKING FOR CERTAIN USES PROHIBITED

Recommendation: That City Council hold a discussion regarding potential amendments to City Code Sec. 11-2-24 - Parking for Certain Uses Prohibited.

Council Vice President Patton (co-sponsor) provided an overview and background information referencing a "working" draft (in ordinance format) as a starting point for discussing proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 11-2. TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING.

Discussion ensued among Council with Mayor Reeves, Deputy City Administrator

Miller, and Assistant City Attorney Richardson fielding comments and questions. The focus of discussion was as follows:

- Storage of vehicles on streets, right-of-ways, etc. and length of time
- Newly designated resident-only on-street parking with assigned decals
- Enforcement
- Signage
- Defining "Downtown Area"
- Number of days to pay parking ticket
- Towing/impoundment

Council Vice President Patton wrapped up the discussion by indicating this was a start to discuss possible tools and resources to address current parking issues. She indicated that she will continue to work with legal staff to develop a proposed policy for parking enforcement staff to use as guidance for enforcing the City's parking regulations, which she will bring for Council's consideration in the near future.

2. 25-1383 PARKING -- GENERAL DISCUSSION

Recommendation: That City Council hold a general discussion pertaining to parking.

No Council Members indicated they had anything further to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

5:09 P.M.

Attachment:

1) Proposed Ordinance - "working" draft

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. _____

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AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, AMENDING TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, CHAPTER 11-2. TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING, SECTION 11-2-24, PARKING FOR CERTAIN USES PROHIBITED; SEC. 11-2-35, PARKING OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS RESTRICTED; SEC. 11-2-37, PARKING FINES; SECTION 11-2-66, REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT FOR NUMEROUS UNPAID CITATIONS—AUTHORITY; SECTION 11-2-67, SAME—NOTICE TO OWNER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Section 11-2-24 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-2-24. - Parking for certain uses prohibited.

- (1) No person shall park a vehicle upon any street, right-of-way, public vacant lot, or public parking lot or public parking space for the principal purpose of:
 - (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
 - (b) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
 - (c) Displaying advertising; or
 - (d) Storage for more than ~~24-72~~ hours, except in resident parking only areas when the vehicle has a valid resident parking only decal displayed. "Storage" means a vehicle parked primarily for extended

placement rather than active transportation, as demonstrated by two or more of the following objective criteria:

- i. vehicle remains in the same location for more than 72 hours;
- ii. vehicle and/or surrounding area shows evidence of being used primarily for extended placement, including but not limited to accumulation of debris, dust, dirt, or pollen on, around or under the vehicle, use of tarps or covers, or other indicators of non-use;
- iii. vehicle owner cannot be located or is unwilling or unable to move the vehicle in a timely fashion.

- (2) No person shall park a vehicle upon any street, right-of-way, public vacant lot, or public parking lot or public parking space within the [DEFINE- Downtown area] for more than 24 hours, except in resident parking only areas when the vehicle has a valid resident parking only decal displayed.

- (23) No person shall park a vehicle upon any street, right-of-way, public vacant lot, or in any public parking space that is located in the area between the eastern right-of-way line of Tarragona Street and western right-of-way line of Baylen Street and between the southern right-of-way line of Garden Street and the southern right-of-way line of Main Street for the principal purpose of selling merchandise, including food and beverage, from such vehicle with the exception of during the hours of Gallery Night and other special events or specified times as approved by the mayor or mayor's designee.

- (34) Each additional 24-hour period a vehicle remains in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

- (5) Any vehicle found in violation of this section may be subject to a parking citation, towing, or both.

SECTION 2. Section 11-2-35 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-2-35. - Parking of major recreational equipment and commercial vehicles in residential areas restricted.

- (3) *Penalties.*

- a. The owner of any recreational equipment or commercial vehicle found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be fined in the amount of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$150.00 for the second offense and \$250.00 for the third and subsequent offenses that occur within a 12-month period. Each day the violation continues shall constitute an additional and separate offense. The

amount of the fine shall be doubled if payment is not received, or if payment is not postmarked, within ~~45~~ 30 days of the time of the notice of the violation.

SECTION 3. Sec. 11-2-37 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-2-37. - Parking fines.

- (a) Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, the owner of any vehicle found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter within the city shall be fined in the amount of \$25.00 per offense; however, beginning with the third offense that occurs within a 12-month period the fine shall be in the amount of \$50.00 and each subsequent offense thereafter within a 12-month period shall increase by \$25.00 from the last fine for each additional offense. Subsequent fine amounts for offenses that occur within the same 12-month period shall not be greater than \$200.00. The amount of the fine shall be doubled if payment is not received by the city, or if payment by mail is not postmarked, within ~~45~~ 30 days of the date of notice of the violation.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), above, vehicles found to be in violation of posted parking regulations when the city has issued permits for special events as defined in section 11-4-171 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, within the area bounded on the north by Wright Street, on the south by Bayfront Parkway, on the east by 9th Avenue, and on the west by Baylen Street, shall be fined in the amount of \$50.00 for each offense. The amount of this fine shall be doubled if payment is not received by the city, or if payment by mail is not postmarked, within ~~45~~ 30 days of the time of notice of the violation.

SECTION 4. Section 11-2-66 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-2-66. - Removal and impoundment for numerous unpaid citations—Authority.

- (a) Any motor vehicle registration having against it five or more outstanding unpaid summonses, citations or other process, charging that any vehicle licensed under the motor vehicle registration was parked, stopped or standing in violation of any law, ordinance or local authority of the city shall be deemed a public nuisance and shall constitute an emergency situation and the mayor and any other agent of the city assigned to traffic duty are hereby authorized to remove, or cause same to be removed from any public property within the city, at the sole cost and expense of the habitual violator; provided that the city, after the fifth violation, shall first send the owner of the vehicle notice of the violations, informing him or her of the violations, briefly outlining the provisions of this scofflaw division and ordering that he or she comply therewith, and warning him or her that if the letter is disregarded for a period of five days the vehicle subject of the letter shall be impounded.

- (b) The city shall have the power and is hereby authorized to remove the vehicle by either private or governmental equipment to the city pound, nearest garage, tow lot or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the city at the sole cost and expense of the vehicle's owner.

SECTION 5. Section 11-2-67 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-2-67. Same—Notice to owner.

Whenever the city has towed a vehicle for violations of parking prohibitions or impounded a vehicle described above, a notice of such removal and the location of ~~the city pound~~ where such vehicle is stored shall be mailed to the last registered owner of such vehicle, if the name and address of such owner can be ascertained with reasonable diligence. ~~Such notice shall state that a post tow hearing may be had at a designated time within two working days of receipt of the notice. Such notice shall state, if the owner fails to reclaim such vehicle within 60 days from the date of the mailing, the city will treat the vehicle as abandoned property and such vehicle will be sold at public auction to be held no sooner than 30 days after the expiration of the 60-day period contained in the notice.~~ Notice shall be mailed to the vehicle owner by certified mail, return receipt requested.

SECTION 6. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provision or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided, pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk