

Ordinance # 2019 -

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 549 TIME LIMITATIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS, AND CREATING CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 553 PARKING PERMITS FOR DOWNTOWN OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That Section 102-549 Time Limitations in Certain Areas, of the Code of Ordinances, Oxford Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~Areas designated as~~ Limited parking areas ~~are~~ **shall be** as follows:

(1) Jackson Avenue East from the intersection of North 43th **14th** Street west to the intersection of North 9th Street.

(2) ~~Lamar Boulevard, North,~~ **North Lamar Boulevard** from the intersection of Jefferson Street ~~Avenue~~ to The Square **the Courthouse Square**.

(3) ~~Lamar Boulevard, South,~~ **South Lamar Boulevard** from the intersection of University Avenue north to The Square **the Courthouse Square**.

(4) ~~The Square,~~ **The Courthouse Square** in all designated parking spaces around and within The Square **the area bounded by Van Buren Avenue and East Jackson Avenue**.

(5) Van Buren Avenue, from its intersection of North ~~North~~ **South** 9th Street east to South 14th Street.

(6) South 11th Street, from its intersection with Van Buren **Avenue** south to University Avenue.

(7) Five (5) parking spaces on the east side of the public parking lot located between Van Buren Avenue and Harrison Avenue.

(8) Tyler Ave **Avenue**, from its intersection with South Lamar Boulevard east to South 14th Street.

(9) Monroe Avenue, from the intersection of North Lamar Boulevard east to North 14th Street.

(10) Van Buren-Harrison Parking Lot – the public parking lot bounded by Van Buren Avenue to the north, property to the west (PPIN 5922), Harrison Avenue to the south, and property to the east (PPIN 6266); and commonly referred to as the “High Cotton Lot.”

(11) Jackson-Monroe Parking Lot – the public parking lot bounded by Monroe Avenue to the north, North 13th Street to the west, East Jackson Avenue to the south, and North 14th Street to the east; and commonly referred to as the “Something Southern Lot.”

(12) City Hall Parking Lot – the public parking lot bounded by East Jackson Avenue and properties to the north (PPIN 15212, 15589, and 22322), properties to the west (PPIN 6250, 6251, and 6252), Van Buren Avenue to the south, and South 14th Street and properties to the east (PPIN 15589 and 22322); and commonly referred to as the “City Hall Lot.”

(13) Harrison-Tyler Parking Lot – the public parking lot bounded by Harrison Avenue to the north, South 11th Street to the west, Tyler Avenue to the south, and property to the east (PPIN 6047); and commonly referred to as the “Old Venice Lot.”

(14) Parking Garage Surface Lot – the public parking lot, excluding the parking garage defined in (15) below, bounded by Jefferson Avenue to the north, properties to the west (PPIN 5854, 5856, 22204, and 5818), Monroe Avenue to the south, and properties to the east (PPIN 5802, 5800, 5799, 34011, and 5798); and commonly referred to as the “Parking Garage Surface Lot.”

(15) Parking Garage – the public parking garage surrounded by the Parking Garage Surface Lot.

(16) Jackson-9th Street Parking Lot – the public parking lot bounded by West Jackson Avenue to the south, North 9th Street to the east, properties to the north

(PPIN 14575), and properties to the west (PPIN 5820); and commonly referred to as the “DHS Lot.”

(17) Harrison Avenue, from its intersection with South 10th Street east to South 14th Street.

SECTION II. That the Code of Ordinances of the City, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered Section 553, Parking Permits for Downtown Off-Street Parking Facilities, within Chapter 102, Article XVII, Stopping, Standing, Parking Restricted or Prohibited on Certain Streets, of the Code of Ordinances of Oxford, Mississippi, which section reads as follows:

Sec. 102-553. – Parking Permits for Downtown Off-Street Parking Facilities

(1) Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) Parking Permit - May be a hangtag, sticker, chip or license plate that identifies a vehicle’s entitlement to park in a parking space for a specific amount of time. A Parking Permit does not provide for a permanently reserved space and does not guarantee a parking space. Parking Permits are valid for a limited time and are subject to availability.

(b) Select Parking Permit - A Parking Permit that allows parking in the following areas, as defined in Secion 102-553(6), for a specific period: City Hall Lot, Jackson Avenue, Jackson-9th Street, and Parking Garage Surface Lot. The rates and availability of select parking permits are subject to change with a 60 day notice. Select parking permits shall be purchased online on a first-come, first-served basis.

(c) Premium Parking Permit - A Parking Permit that allows parking in all off-street lots for a specific period. Premium lots include the following lots, as defined in section 102-553(6): Jackson-Monroe Lot, City Hall Lot, Monroe Avenue, Jackson Avenue, Van Buren-Harrison Lot, Harrison-Tyler Lot, Jackson-9th Lot, Parking Garage Surface Lot, and Parking Garage. The rates and availability of premium

parking permits are subject to change with a 60 day notice. Premium parking permits are to be purchased online on a first-come, first-served basis.

(d) Weekday - Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Does not include special events.

(e) Off-Street - Parking areas within the downtown parking system that are managed by parking kiosks and are not located directly adjacent to city streets.

(f) On-street – Parking areas within the downtown parking system that are managed by single space meters and are located directly on the city streets

(f) Parking Facilities – Any building, structure, land, right-of-way, equipment or facility used or useful in the connection with the construction, enlargement, development, maintenance or operation of any area or building for off-street parking of motor vehicles. This includes all parking lots and the downtown parking garage.

(g) Downtown Parking area - All on-street and off-street parking facilities bounded by Jefferson Avenue to the north, South 9th Street to the west, University Avenue to the south, and 14th Street to the east.

(h) Special Events - Any Board of Aldermen approved event or University of Mississippi home football game day.

(i) Kiosk – May be used interchangeably with “multi-space parking meter.”

(2) Purpose

The purpose and intent of the requirements for off-street parking established by Section 102-553 is to minimize traffic congestion and hazards to motorists and pedestrians, to provide safe, attractive, and convenient off-street parking facilities with vehicular access to all land uses, to provide off-street parking in proportion to the needs generated by varying land uses, to ensure access to facilities by emergency response vehicles, and to ensure that parking areas are compatible with the surrounding land uses.

(3) Signs required

(a) Whenever any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited in designated areas it shall be the duty of the traffic engineer to erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof and no such regulations shall be effective unless said signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense.

(4) Disobeying signs prohibited

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop, or stand any vehicle in violation of any sign installed pursuant to the provisions of this article.

(5) Time limitations not exclusive

(a) The fact that there has been imposed a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

(6) Designated parking permit locations shall be as follows:

(a) Monroe Avenue, from the intersection of North Lamar Boulevard east to North 14th Street.

(b) Van Buren-Harrison Parking Lot – the public parking lot bounded by Van Buren Avenue to the north, property to the west (PPIN 5922), Harrison Avenue to the south, and property to the east (PPIN 6266); and commonly referred to as the “High Cotton Lot.”

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(i) Jackson Avenue between North 13th Street and North 14th Street.

(7) Types of parking permits and their attendant fees shall be as follows:

(a) Select Parking Permit

- (1) Weekday (Monday – Friday), 10am – 6pm, \$50.00 per month
- (2) All-access (Monday – Saturday), 10am – Midnight, \$70.00 per month
- (3) Designated areas:
 - (a) Parking Garage Surface Lot
 - (b) City Hall Parking Lot
 - (c) Jackson Ave between North 13th Street and North 14th Street
 - (d) DHS Lot

(b) Premium Parking Permit

- (1) Weekday (Monday – Friday), 10am – 6pm, \$80.00 per month

(2) All-access (Monday – Saturday), 10am – Midnight, \$100.00 per month

(3) Designated areas:

(a) Monroe Avenue

(b) Van Buren – Harrison Parking Lot

(c) Jackson – Monroe Parking Lot

(d) City Hall Parking Lot

(e) Harrison – Tyler Parking Lot

(f) Parking Garage Surface Lot

(g) Jackson Ave between North 13th Street and North 14th Street

(h) 1st Floor Parking Garage

(i) DHS Lot

(8) Parking permit general provisions

(a) Parking Permits shall be associated with the applicant’s vehicle tag.

(b) Parking Permits shall not be issued to applicants who have two (2) or more unpaid parking violations.

(c) Applicants shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age to purchase a parking permit.

(d) Parking permits shall not be valid for any premium, on street parking metered spaces.

(e) Parking permits shall not be valid on Sundays or any City of Oxford special event days.

(f) Parking permits shall be issued month to month with the ability to be automatically renewed.

(9) Permit payment

(a) All payments for permits shall be made online on the City of Oxford’s website. All major credit cards shall be accepted as payment for parking permits.

(10) Placement and marking of parking meters and kiosks

- (a) **Parking meters installed in the downtown parking area shall be placed upon the curb immediately adjacent to the individual parking meter spaces where single head and dual head parking meters are used and at a convenient location when multi-space parking facilities (parking kiosks) are used. Parking kiosks shall be placed in reasonable and safe locations within or adjacent to each off-street parking facility. To the extent reasonably possible:**
- (1) **Each parking meter shall be placed or oriented in such manner as to visually indicate or signal that the space controlled by such parking meter is or is not legally in use; and**
- (2) **Each parking meter shall indicate by a proper sign, label or display the limit of legal parking time established as provided in this article, the parking fee required to be deposited for the use of such parking space and, when in operation, shall indicate the duration of the period of legal parking and, upon the expiration of the legal parking period, shall indicate illegal parking.**
- (b) **Because the city's parking system will incorporate new parking meter technologies including new payment methods, email and internet-based alerts, and as-yet unknown technologies, the parking division has the authority to substitute the placement, labeling, and status displays described above with other methods, tools, and devices designed to provide the owner actual notice of the legal status of the parking meter, the status of legal parking, how to pay parking violations and remove immobilizations devices, and other information.**

(11) Permit applicability for special events

- (a) **Parking permits shall not be valid on any City of Oxford special event days or University of Mississippi home football games.**
- (b) **The Board of Aldermen will set the fee for any special event parking.**
- (c) **Special event parking will be set on a daily rate between the hours of 10am - Midnight.**

(12) Penalty for violation of Section 102-553

(a) For violation of section 102-553, the following fines shall be imposed:

(1) A maximum fine of \$10.00 for the first violation within any 12-month period;

(2) A maximum fine of \$10.00 for the second violation within any 12-month period;

(3) A maximum fine of \$25.00 for the third violation within any 12-month period;

(4) A maximum fine of \$50.00 for the fourth or subsequent violation within any 12-month period.

(b) For violation of Section 102-553, on game day the following fines shall be imposed:

(1) A maximum fine of \$50.00 for the first violation within any 12-month period;

(2) A maximum fine of \$75.00 for the second violation within any 12-month period;

(3) A maximum fine of \$100.00 for the third or subsequent violation within any 12-month period.

(13) Authority to tow or immobilize vehicles

(a) The city shall be authorized to tow or cause to be towed, or to immobilize, any automobile of any person satisfying the following criteria:

(1) The owner of any vehicle who has three or more convictions for parking violations under this chapter within any 12-month period, and any one of the fines for such parking violations remains unpaid after a period of more than 60 days;

(2) The owner of any vehicle who has four or more convictions for overtime parking, two loading zone convictions, or one handicapped parking conviction

under this chapter within any 12-month period;

(3) Any vehicle blocking sidewalks, fire hydrants or fire lanes is subject to immediate towing or immobilization.

(b) The city shall require the following for the release of any towed vehicles or removal of impoundment devices:

(1) Payment of a \$75.00 boot removal fee and all parking fines and towing/storage fees.

(c) Except for sidewalk, fire hydrant or fire lane violations, vehicles are subject to towing if a boot removal fee and fines for all parking convictions are not paid within 24 hours.

(14) Obedience to parking regulations

(a) No permit issued pursuant to this article shall entitle a person to park a vehicle on yellow lines, in bus stops, loading zones, next to fire hydrants or other prohibited areas, or to violate any applicable parking law.

(15) Denial or cancellation of permit

(a) The director of parking shall have the power to deny the issuance of a permit under this article or cancel an existing permit if any individual is abusing the rights and privileges granted under this article.

(16) Appeals

(a) Any person aggrieved by the denial or cancellation of a permit under this article shall have the right to appeal such denial or cancellation to the chief of police upon written notice.

SECTION III. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herein shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

The above ordinance having being first reduced to writing and read and considered section by section at a public meeting or the governing authorities of the City of Oxford Mississippi on motion of Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____, and the roll being called, the same by the following votes:

Alderman Addy	voted
Alderman Huelse	voted
Alderman Antonow	voted
Alderman Howell-Atkinson	voted
Alderman Taylor	voted
Alderman Bailey	voted
Alderman Morgan	voted

APPROVED, this day the _____ of _____, 2019

ROBYN TANNEHILL, MAYOR

ASHLEY ATKINSON, CITY CLERK