



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

PARKING COMMISSION

WORK SESSION

PACKET

March 2021

Thursday, March 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
5:30 PM — 6:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting: March 25, 2021, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

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AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Reports from Commissioners & City Offices
- III. Reports from the Public
- IV. Discussions of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions
 - A. Parking Resolution 21-02: Title 15 Amendments (Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox)
 - B. Parking Commission Annual Report (Cm. Volan and Eoban Binder)
- V. Resolutions
- VI. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- VII. Member Announcements
- VIII. Commission Schedule (Regular Meeting and Work Session)
- IX. Adjournment

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Next Regular Meeting: March 25, 2021, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM
Deadline for regular meeting packet material is March 15, 2021

**To: PARKING COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

**Parking Resolution #: 21-02
Date: February 25, 2021**

From: Raye Ann Cox, Parking Enforcement Manager; Amir Farshchi, Long Range Planner; Barbara E. McKinney, Assistant City Attorney; Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager; Michelle Wahl, Parking Services Director

Request: Title 15 Amendments

REPORT

The City staff from the Planning and Transportation, Parking Services division of Public Works, and Legal departments have compiled recommendations for changes to Title 15, the vehicle and traffic section of the Bloomington Municipal Code. Link to the current Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code:
https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15VETR

The purpose of these recommendations is to address issues that have come to staff's attention through public requests and commissions' recommendations. The ordinance amending Title 15 is included in the meeting packet.

The ordinance includes the following changes:

- Section 1 adds a penalty for using a residential neighborhood parking permit in an unauthorized manner. *Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox*
- Section 2 adds a penalty for not properly displaying a neighborhood parking permit when parked in a residential neighborhood zone. *Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox*
- Section 3 requires permit holders to report stolen permits to the police before receiving a free replacement. *Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox*
- Section 4 requires people whose cars have been towed because they have accumulated six or more unpaid citations which remain unpaid to pay their unpaid citations before their car will be released to them. *Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox*
- Section 5 adds a new Class G traffic violation, failure to display vehicle permit. *Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox*

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Parking Commission supports the changes to Title 15 and forward to Common Council with a positive recommendation.

ORDINANCE 21-

**TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED
"VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

RE: Amending Chapters 15.37.065, "Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking," to add a penalty for using a residential neighborhood parking permit in an unauthorized manner; Chapter 15.37.080, "Proof of permit purchase required," to add a penalty for not displaying a neighborhood parking or visitor permit when parked in a residential neighborhood zone and adds that penalty to the list of Class G traffic violations; Chapter 15.37.100, "Replacement of permit," to require permit holders to report stolen permits to the police before receiving a free replacement; and Chapter 15.48.010, "General Provisions," to require people who have their cars towed after they have accumulated six or more unpaid parking citations to pay their unpaid citations before their car will be released to them.

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission, Parking Commission, and City staff from the Planning and Transportation, Engineering, Parking Services division of Public Works, and Legal departments recommend certain changes be made in Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic,"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15.37, entitled "Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking," shall be amended by adding the following:

15.37.065 – Unauthorized use of neighborhood permits

Using a neighborhood parking permit in any way contrary to this chapter constitutes an unauthorized use of a neighborhood permit, a class B Traffic Violation subject to the penalty listed in Section 15.64.010 (b).

SECTION 2. Chapter 15.37.080 entitled "Proof of permit purchase required," shall be amended by adding the following:

Failure to visibly display a neighborhood parking zone permit or visitor permit while parked in a regulated area shall constitute a Class G Traffic Violation, subject to the penalty listed in Section 15.64.010 (h).

SECTION 3. Chapter 15.37.100, entitled "Replacement of Permit," shall be amended by adding the following:

A permit holder whose permit is stolen may receive a replacement permit at no charge, upon presenting proof that the theft of the permit was reported to law enforcement.

SECTION 4. Chapter 15.48.010 (a) (8) entitled “General Provisions,” shall be amended by deleting the current language and replacing it with the following:

(8) Any vehicle which has accumulated six or more unpaid citations. The owner of the vehicle must provide proof that the parking citations have been paid before the vehicle will be released. Parking officials will provide notice to the vehicle owner when issuing a fifth parking citation to the owner who has four unpaid citations.

SECTION 5. Chapter 15.64.10(h), “Class G Traffic Violations (Bicycle and motorized scooter safety violations),” shall be amended by doing the following:

Changing the name to “Class G Traffic Violations (Bicycle, motorized scooter safety and failure to display vehicle permit violations),” and by adding the following

Fine:		
Covers:	15.37.080	Failure to display vehicle permit

SECTION 6. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance 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.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor, any required publication, and, as necessary, other promulgation in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JIM SIMS, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana,
upon this _____ day of _____, 2021.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk,
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance amends Title 15, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Bloomington Municipal Code and comes forth at the request of City staff and the Parking and Traffic Commissions. The ordinance makes the following changes:

- It adds a penalty for using a residential neighborhood parking permit in an unauthorized manner.
- It adds a penalty for not properly displaying a neighborhood parking permit when parked in a residential neighborhood zone and adds that penalty to the list of Class G traffic violations.
- It requires permit holders to report stolen permits to the police before receiving a free replacement.
- It requires people whose cars have been towed because they have accumulated six or more unpaid citations to pay their unpaid citations before their car will be released to them.