

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

**PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
PACKET**

March 2021

Thursday, March 25, 2021
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

Next Regular Meeting: April 22, 2021, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

March 25, 2021, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted electronically. Virtual meetings will be accessible at:
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Dial by your location: 312 626 6799 (Chicago), Meeting ID: 992 0810 9812, Passcode: 142008, find your local number: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/u/ayasaroCno>. The meeting will also be streamed live on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/bloomingtonplanning>

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2021
- III. Reports from Commissioners & City Offices
- IV. Reports from the Public

- V. Discussions of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions
 - A. Parking Commission Annual Report (Eoban Binder and Cm. Volan)

- VI. Resolutions
 - A. Parking Resolution 21-03: Changing 11 Parking Spaces Enforcement in front of 614 E. 2nd Street (Staff)
 - B. Parking Resolution 21-02: Title 15 Amendments (Michelle Wahl and Raye Ann Cox)

- VII. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

- VIII. Member Announcements
- IX. Commission Schedule (Regular Meeting and Work Session)
- X. Adjournment

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Please call (812) 349-3429 or E-mail human.rights@bloomington.in.gov.

Next Regular Meeting: April 22, 2021, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM
Deadline for regular meeting packet material is April 12, 2021

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

February 25, 2021, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

The meeting was conducted electronically on Zoom.

Parking Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Parking Commissioners present: Eoban Binder (Chair), Steve Volan (Vice Chair), Adrienne Evans Fernandez (Secretary), Tracy Gates, Christopher Emge, Michelle Wahl

Parking Commissioners absent: MaryJane LeMay

Others in Attendance: Raye Ann Cox, Amir Farshchi, Beth Rosenbarger, Jim Shelton (Bloomington Chamber), Dave Askins (B Square Beacon), Samuel Welsch Sveen

I. Call to Order – (5:35 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2021– Volan motioned to approve the minutes and Emge seconded the motion. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0; the motion passed.

III. Reports from Commissioners & City Offices

- A. Wahl now a full commissioner, per mayoral appointment (replaces Scott Robinson)
- B. Report from Wahl:
 - i. Meters and enforcement are now officially under public works
 - ii. Data on permit sales in neighborhood zones
 - iii. Data on garage sales
 - iv. Trades Garage opening March/April, 4th street in August 2021.
 - v. New organizational chart for Public Works and Parking Services

IV. Reports from the Public

- A. Samuel Welsch Sveen – Motorcycle parking. Wants a resolution for additional motorcycle parking downtown, perhaps conversion of 1-2 car spots into 3-4 motorcycle spots each.

V. Discussions of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions

- A. Revisions to Parking Commission’s Bylaws and Section 2.12.110 of the Bloomington Municipal Code (Cm. Volan)
 - i. City legal is fixing the code to match the new org chart designations and department names at the city (engineering vs. public works vs. transportation and traffic)
- B. Parking Commission Annual Report
 - i. Cm. Volan and Binder have been working on this. Progress made!
 - ii. Figure of Total Parking System Funds – Revenue Trends
 - iii. 30-ish tables need updating for each year’s report
- C. Parking Cash-out Option for City Employees (Eoban Binder)
 - i. Re: parking spots offered to city employees. Putting a monetary value on the parking spots and regarding them as a “fringe benefit.”
 - ii. 116 tags are sold in the city lot. 121-126 spaces. Current rate is \$2 per year.
 - iii. Concerns voiced about equity and disability.
 - iv. Everyone seems to agree: pricing should be adjusted. Question is how to do it.
- D. 2021 Parking Commission Agendas and Packets (staff)
 - i. Farshchi shared a shared google folder at the 2/11 meeting to hold agendas and other packet materials.

VI. Resolutions

- A. Parking Resolution 21-01: Title 15 Amendments – Changes to Schedules (staff)
 - i. Farshchi presented the resolution. Volan motioned to approve the staff recommendation and Emge seconded the motion. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0; the motion passed.
- B. Parking Resolution 21-02: Title 15 Amendments (Wahl, Cox)
 - i. Wahl presented the resolution. More discussion needed, this is the first time that this resolution has been brought before commission.
 - ii. Emge motioned to postpone and Evans Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Wahl); the motion passed.

VII. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – Submit to google doc

A. Motorcycle parking

VIII. Member Announcements

A. Volan – The Mayor’s State of the City address is today at 7 pm

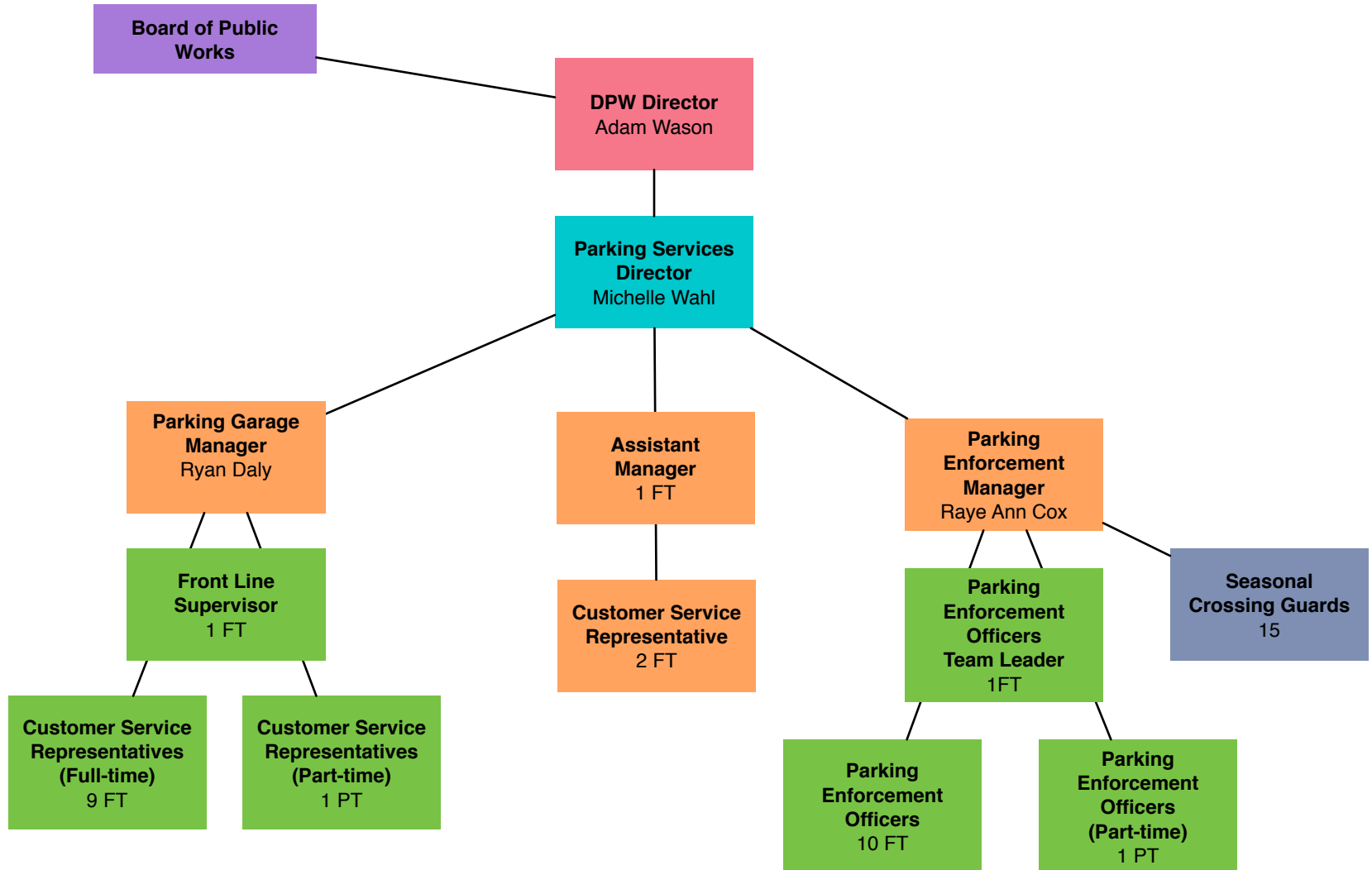
IX. Commission Schedule (Regular Meeting and Work Session)

Work Session Meeting: March 11, 2021, 5:30 PM

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

X. Adjournment – (7:24 PM)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PARKING SERVICES





PARKING COMMISSION**Resolution #: 21-03****STAFF REPORT****Date: March 25, 2021**

FROM: Raye Ann Cox, Parking Enforcement Manager; Amir Farshchi, Long Range Planner; Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager; Michelle Wahl, Parking Services Director

REQUEST: Changing 11 Parking Spaces Enforcement in front of 614 E. 2nd Street

The City of Bloomington is recommending changes to the 11 parking spaces enforcement hours and limitation in front of 614 E. 2nd Street.

Background: The Elm restaurant is in development for the building located at 614 E. 2nd Street (the former Bloomingfoods Elm Heights location). The restaurant representatives contacted the City to request changing parking restrictions for the 11 City-owned parking spaces in front of their business once it opens.

The 11 parking spaces in front of 614 E. 2nd Street are currently 1-hour limited free parking, Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. When Bloomingfoods first opened at this location, the 11 parking spaces were 2-hour parking. Bloomingfoods requested the restrictions be reduced to 1 hour in order to increase parking turnover.

Neighborhood Parking Permit—Zone 1 is required for on-street parking in the surrounding blocks. A map of Zone 1 and a map of the area are included within the meeting packet for reference.

Analysis: After review and analysis, such as meeting with the Elm restaurant representatives, checking the citation history for the area, and receiving feedback from parking enforcement, staff recommends changing the 11 parking spaces enforcement hours and limitation in front of 614 E. 2nd Street from Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, 1-hour limited free parking to Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm, 2-hour limited free parking.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Parking Commission support the changes to Title 15 as described and forward to Council with a positive recommendation. A more detailed Title 15 amendment would be prepared.

Petitioner's Statement--Lydia Adams

Parking Commission,

I am reaching out as a representative of a new restaurant opening in the Elm Heights neighborhood in Bloomington. We are excited to be opening this summer and are looking forward to serving our wonderful community! As such, we would like to initiate discussion regarding parking - specifically, the parking spaces in front of our business on East 2nd Street. On behalf of the building and business owners, David and Martha Moore; and The Elm restaurant, I would like to formally petition the rezoning of the 11 city-owned parking spaces in front of 614 E 2nd Street.

These spaces are currently zoned as Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 9:00pm, 1-hour limited parking. Due to the nature of sit-down restaurant dining, we would like to make the case to rezone the spaces to reflect the following limitations: Monday - Saturday, 8:00am - 9:00pm, 2-hour limited parking. I want to note our concern with non-customer/student parking in these spots; we believe the aforementioned solution is the best way to reduce non-customer parking, while allowing our guests adequate time in our establishment before they risk being ticketed.

We want to thank you for considering our request, and look forward to further discussion in the March 25th Parking Commission meeting.

All the best,

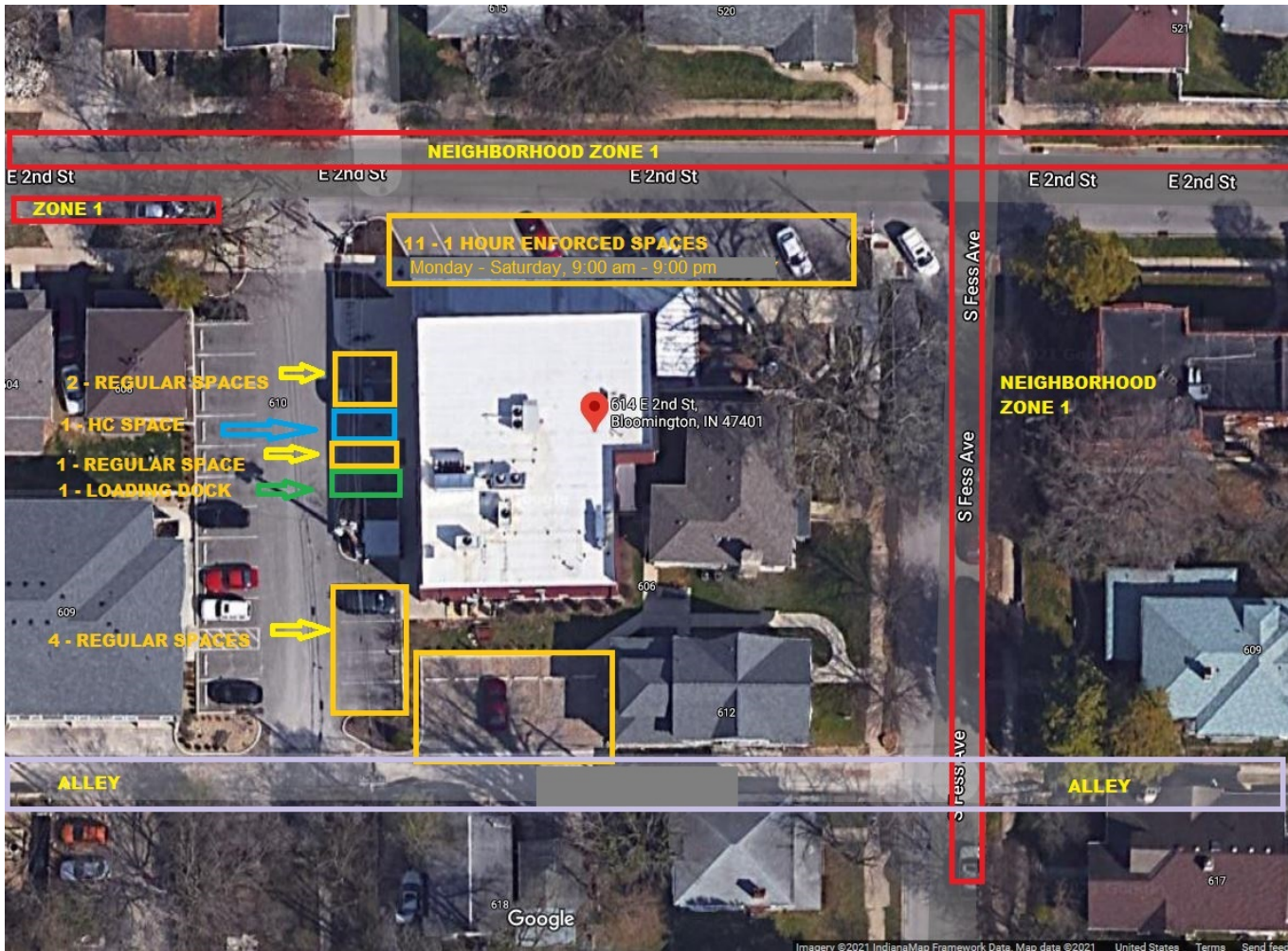
Lydia Adams

Front of House Manager

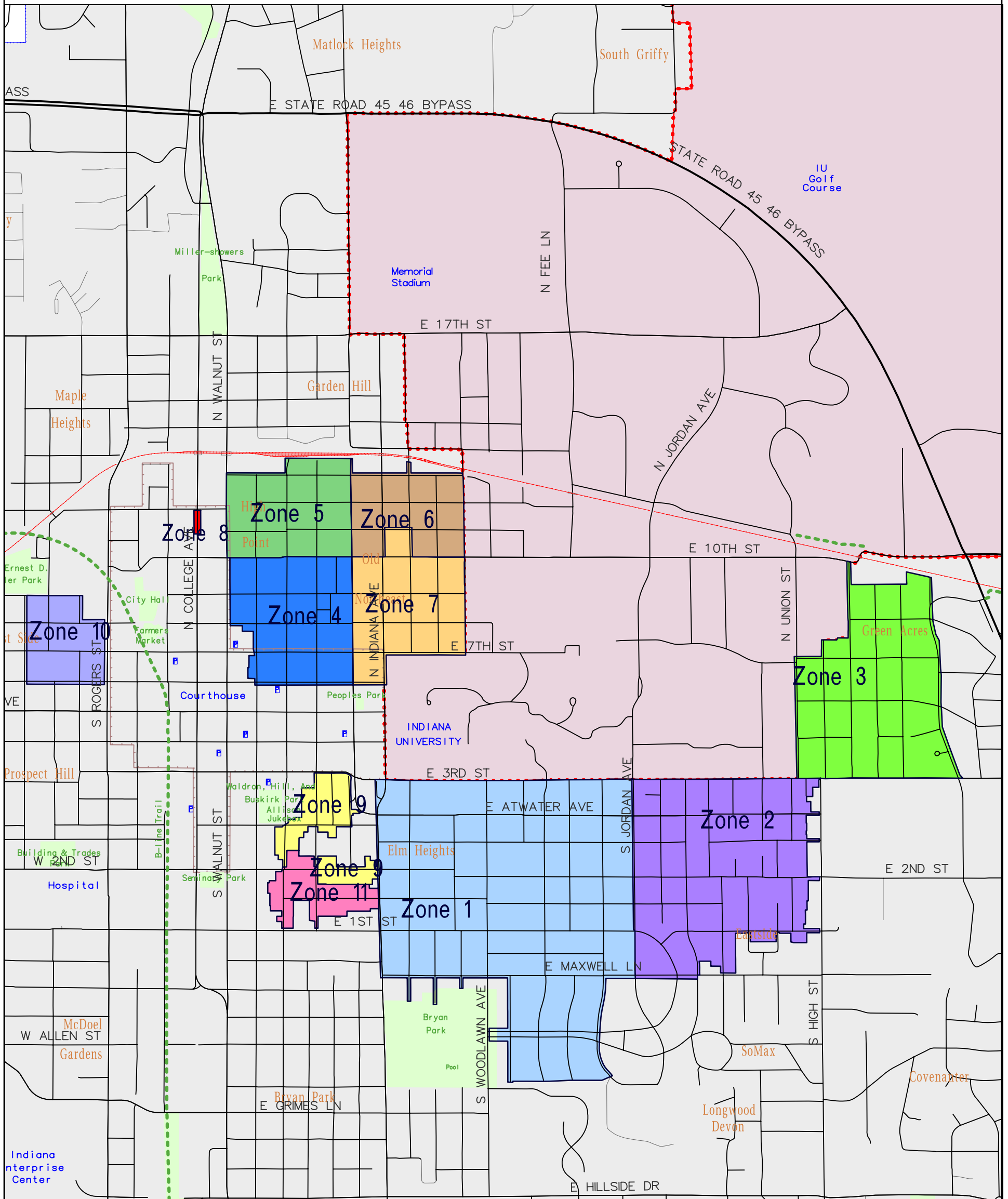
The Elm

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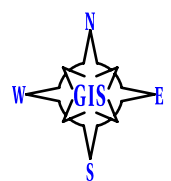
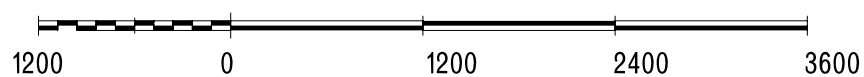
2018 Bloomington Neighborhood Parking Permit Zones



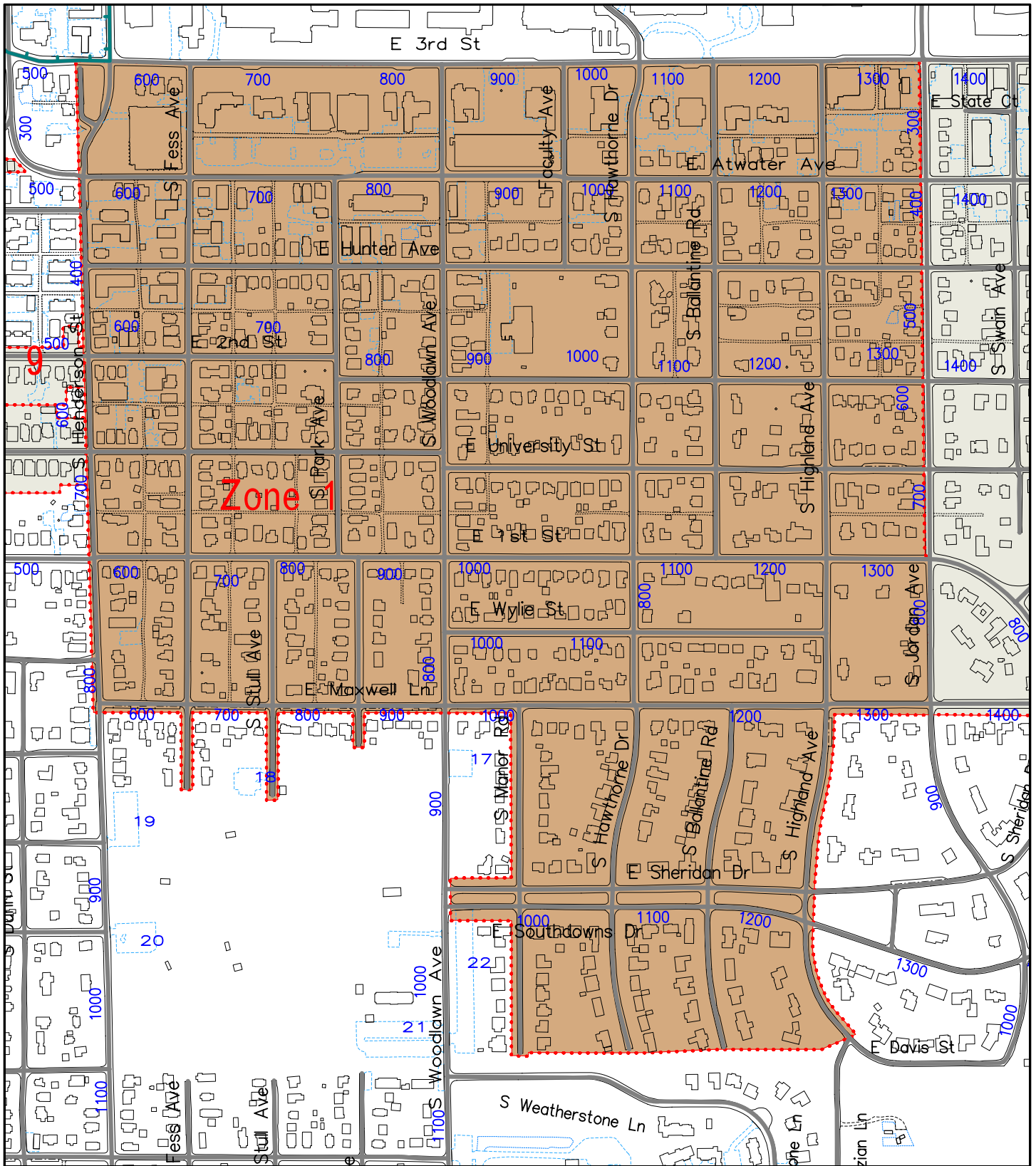
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Scale: 1" = 1200'



Geographic Information System



Residential Neighborhood Parking Permit Zones

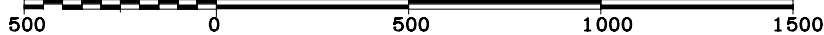
Zone 1

Restrictions and provisions for multi-unit residential, commercial, and institutional sites apply. Contact Parking Enforcement or Customer Service for eligibility.

--- Permit Zone Boundary

Scale: 1" = 500'

--- Meter Zone



City of Bloomington
Parking Enforcement



Geographic Information System

Aug 16, 2019

For use as map information only, information is NOT warranted.

**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.