

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on **October 23, 2023**, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Nieves, Smith, Harrington, Hile, Vice-Mayor Miller, Mayor Perez
Commissioners absent: None

City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that the changes to the policy and ordinance related to downtown parking have not changed since the previous meeting. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Smith to approve changes to the Downtown Parking Policy and Parking Maps as presented.

Voting yea: Eight

Voting nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Smith to consider this the second reading of and approve an amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, Section 58-6 pertaining to downtown parking effective November 18th, 2024.

Voting yea: Eight

Voting nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO PARKING IN DOWNTOWN

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 58 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article I. – In General, Section 58-6 – “Pedestrians and vehicular traffic in certain public areas”, subsections (h) through (k); of the Ordinances of the City of Sturgis pertaining to keeping of dogs and to provide for an effective date of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to modify Section 58-6, subsections (h) through (k) regarding provisions related to parking downtown, including overnight parking, limited term parking, and penalties for illegal parking in the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan ordains:

Chapter 58 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article I. – In General, Section 58-6 – “Pedestrians and vehicular traffic in certain public areas”, subsections (h) through (k) of the Ordinances of the City of Sturgis are hereby modified as follows effective November 18, 2024:

Sec. 58-6. Pedestrians and vehicular traffic in certain public areas.

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- (h) Overnight parking restrictions in B-C district parking lots. In city-owned parking lots in the B-C district, parking is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. except in spaces clearly identified by official sign, pavement marking, or both as spaces for overnight parking. Parking in designated areas is limited to motor vehicles or accessory vehicles, including recreational vehicles and storage trailers, which occupy only one designated parking space. Motor or accessory vehicles occupying multiple spaces are required to be registered under the conditions of subsection (i) of this section.
- (i) Long term and multiple-space parking in B-C district parking lots. Any owner, occupant, or the guest of any owner or occupant of a business or residence located in the B-C district may park or store a motor vehicle or accessory vehicle in a city-owned B-C district parking lot if registered with the Sturgis Police Department. At the time of registration, the police department will designate a location for parking and may designate the number of days for which registration will be effective. In no event may registered vehicles park in the location designated for a period in excess of ten business days.
- (j) Limited term parking in B-C district parking lots. Parking is restricted to not more than two consecutive hours in spaces clearly identified by official sign, pavement marking, or both as spaces for short term parking. Parking is limited to 15 minutes or less in spaces clearly identified by official sign, pavement marking, or both as spaces for 15 Minute Parking.
- (k) Penalty for illegal parking in B-C district parking lots. The penalty for violations of the restrictions in subsections (h) and (i) of this section consist of a \$50.00 fine for each night. The penalty for violations of the restrictions in subsection (j) is a \$50.00 fine per occurrence. Vehicles in violation of subsection may be towed at the owner's expense.