



Memorandum Regarding Council Bill No. 2025-19: An Ordinance prohibiting parking across parking lines on City owned parking lots.

Background:

At the request of City Council, City staff have prepared the attached Council Bill to prohibit the act of parking a vehicle across parking lines.

Analysis:

If approved, this Council Bill would prohibit the parking of a vehicle in such a manner that the vehicle occupies more than one designated parking space on any parking lot owned or operated by the City. Exceptions are provided in the Bill for temporarily stopped vehicles, emergency vehicles, and vehicles parking in accordance with the directions of law enforcement personnel.

Recommendation:

City staff recommend approval of this item.

MEMO SUBMITTED BY:

Nick Woodman | City Attorney

Attachments:

Council Bill No. 2025-19.

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AMENDING CHAPTER**
2 **20, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 2 OF THE NIXA CITY CODE BY ADDING THERETO A**
3 **NEW SECTION TO PROHIBIT PARKING ACROSS PARKING LINES ON CITY**
4 **OWNED PROPERTY.**

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6 **WHEREAS** the City owns and operates several parking lots for the convenience
7 of the public; and

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9 **WHEREAS** the efficient and orderly use of these parking lots is important to ensure
10 accessibility and safety for all users of said parking lots; and

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12 **WHEREAS** the improper parking of vehicles, such as parking across designated
13 parking lines, can lead to the obstruction of parking spaces, impede traffic flow, and create
14 safety hazards; and

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16 **WHEREAS** establishing clear regulations regarding parking within designated
17 lines will help promote the efficient use of public parking resources; and

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19 **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to modify the City Code as set forth herein.

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
22 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**

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24 **SECTION 1:** Chapter 20, Article VII, Division 2 of the Nixa City Code is hereby
25 amended by adding thereto a new Section which shall read as follows (Explanation:
26 Language in bold-face type (e.g., **thus**) is language to be added. Language in bold-faced
27 brackets (e.g., [**thus**]) is not enacted and is intended to be omitted or deleted.):

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29 **Sec. 20-498. Parking within designated lines on City owned parking lots.**

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31 **(a) *Requirement to Park Within Lines.*** When parking a vehicle in any parking lot
32 owned or operated by the City, every person shall park such vehicle entirely
33 within the lines or markings designating a parking space where such lines are
34 visible.

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36 **(b) *Prohibition Against Obstructing Parking Spaces.*** It shall be unlawful for any
37 person to park a vehicle, in any lot owned or operated by the City, in such a
38 manner that the vehicle occupies or obstructs more than one designated
39 parking space or extends beyond the lines or markings designating a single
40 parking space. This includes, but is not limited to, parking diagonally across
41 lines, parking partially in one space and partially in an adjacent space, or
42 parking in a manner that prevents another vehicle from reasonably accessing
43 an adjacent parking space.

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45 **(c) *Exceptions.*** The provisions of this section shall not apply to the following:
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(1) Vehicles temporarily stopped or standing for the purpose of actively and expeditiously loading or unloading passengers or merchandise, provided that such stopping or standing does not unreasonably impede traffic flow or block access to adjacent parking spaces.

(2) Officially marked emergency vehicles while engaged in emergency operations.

(3) Vehicles parked in accordance with the directions of a law enforcement officer or parking enforcement personnel.

SECTION 2: The City Attorney, when codifying the provisions of this Ordinance, is authorized to provide for different section numbers, subsection numbers, and different internal citation references than those provided herein when such section numbers, subsection numbers, or internal citation references are in error or are contrary to the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: Savings Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights acquired, or liability incurred nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby.

SECTION 4: Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

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ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

PRESIDING OFFICER

CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY