



Ordinance Amendments Sec. 20-162, 167 & 171 and Downtown Parking Time Limits Apex Town Council

September 10, 2024

## History

- 2019 Downtown Master Plan & Parking Study recommends a parking length of stay analysis
- 2022 Length of stay analysis completed and recommended parking time limits
- 2024 Downtown stakeholder parking mitigation meetings survey responses in support of parking time limits

## Background

- Parking time limit objectives
  - Encourage parking turnover at the most convenient and highly utilized spaces
  - Encourage long-term parking at satellite lots and less convenient on-street spaces
  - Establish short-term parking spaces for pick-ups and drop-offs
- Ordinance Sections affected
  - 20-162
  - 20-167
  - 20-171

#### **Ordinance Section 20-162**

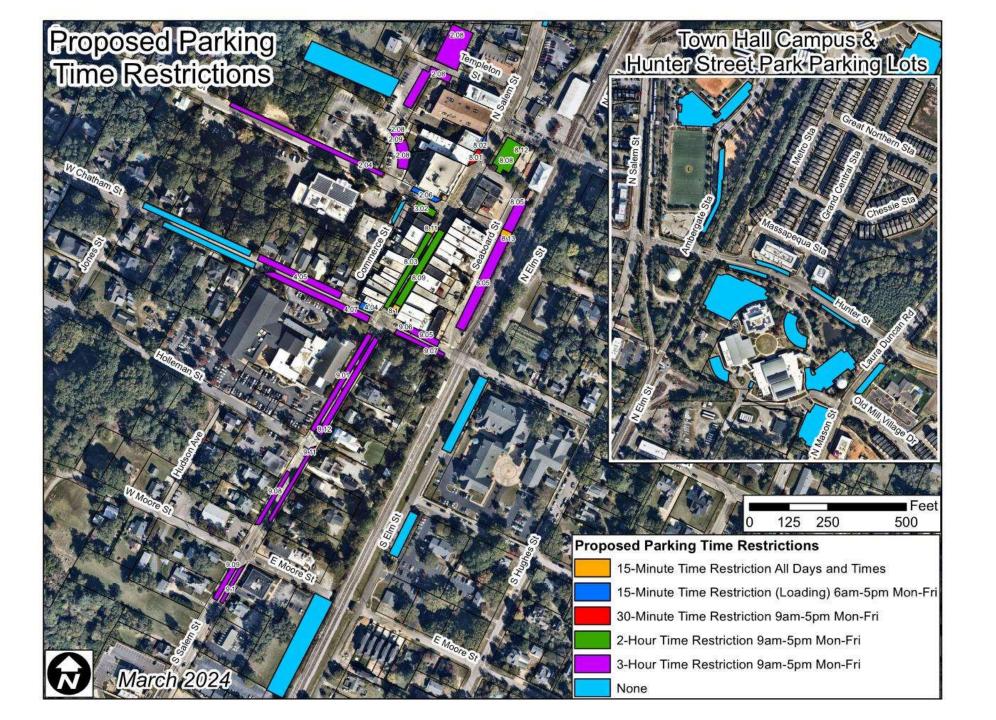
- Allow parking lots to have time limits
- Allow parking time limits on Town-maintained parking spaces and lot
- Remove overnight parking restrictions from Town parking lots for vehicles except for RVs, trailers, and boats
- Allow Chief of Police to temporarily prohibit parking on Town-maintained lots or spaces to accommodate a special event

#### **Ordinance Section 20-167**

- Add a reference to the parking schedule Traffic Schedule III, "Parking Time Limits"
- Separate violation for each interval of time a vehicle remains beyond the legal time interval designated for a limited time parking zone
- Allow the Chief of Police authority to temporarily prohibit parking in a time-limited parking area for emergency vehicle access

# **Proposed Downtown Apex Parking Time Limits**

3-hour on-street parking	<ul> <li>S Salem Street</li> <li>E Chatham Street &amp; W Chatham Street</li> <li>Saunders Street</li> </ul>
2-hour on-street parking	<ul> <li>N Salem Street from Saunders Street to Chatham Street</li> </ul>
3-hour off-street parking	<ul><li>Seaboard Lot</li><li>Saunders Lot spaces adjacent to businesses</li></ul>
2-hour off-street parking	• Depot Lot
15-minute spaces	<ul> <li>N Salem Street – one on each side</li> <li>Seaboard Lot</li> <li>Saunders Lot</li> <li>Depot Lot</li> </ul>



#### **Ordinance Section 20-171**

 Revise to read that any vehicle found parked in a time limiting area, loading zone or other prohibited zone for a period of 24 hours <u>may</u> be removed (replacing "shall" be removed) to a place of storage and safety, except in the case of publicly sanctioned events or emergencies a police officer may order immediate removal of such vehicle.

### **Next Steps**

- Continue community outreach to prepare for changes
- Print and install signs (Sep-Dec)
- Ordinance will go into effect January 2, 2025 (planned start of Saunders Street Parking Lot construction)