



## Staff Report

March 16, 2026 Council Workshop Meeting

Downtown Parking Revisions Phase 1

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**BACKGROUND:** In August 2024 the Camas voters passed a bond measure for a new Fire Station 41. The siting for this new fire station is the City annex building property located at the southwest corner of NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE Everett Street.

The new fire station will remove City parking lots and on-street parking spaces. Because the site cannot accommodate passenger vehicle parking, the deficit is being addressed through the surrounding on-street parking system.

At the February 2, 2026 Council Workshop, Public Works staff presented recommended changes to parking downtown commercial zone that would offset the loss of both on-street and off-street spaces. The Parking Advisory Committee voiced consensus for these changes at their January 13 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The new Fire Station construction work is set to start in May 2026. Public Works staff is moving forward with the changes that can be accommodated at this stage. Phase 1 changes include:

- Revising parallel spaces to diagonal spaces on NE Dallas Street, Everett Street, and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Changing NE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE Dallas Street from a two-way stop to an all-way stop controlled intersection.
- Limiting NE Everett Street to one-way northbound traffic between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Revising parking time limit from 2-hour to unrestricted on the east side of NE Franklin Street between NE 4<sup>th</sup> and NE 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The proposed one-way street and parking time limit change require adoption of resolutions. Staff has attached the drafts of these resolutions.

Phase 2 changes will occur after the fire apparatuses are housed at the new station. These changes will include:

- Council adoption of a southbound one-way street on NE Franklin Street between NE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

- Striping of diagonal Spaces on the east side of Franklin Street and installing the appropriate signage.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** There will be more public on-street parking spaces on Dallas Street, Franklin Street, NE 4th Avenue and NE 5th Avenue. Phase 1 changes will alleviate parking demand while new fire station is under construction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Improves transportation safety and accessibility for all users.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** All fire apparatuses must be relocated to the new building prior to changing NE Franklin to a one-way street. There will be a time lapse between the removal of the current parking lots on the new Station 41 site and the additional spaces to be striped on NE Franklin Street. Staff continues to explore options for interim staff parking opportunities.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Staff has been working with Finance to address the cost for signage and striping implementation. Staff will identify the cost and funding source in an upcoming omnibus.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends these resolutions be placed on the April 6, 2026 Council Regular Meeting for Council's consideration.