



## City of Ketchum

November 2, 2020

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors  
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Ketchum, Idaho

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### **Discussion and Action on Expansion of Winter Parking Pilot Effort**

#### Recommendation and Summary

Staff is requesting direction regarding the expansion of last year's winter overnight parking pilot program.

1. "I move to waive the first and second reading of Ordinance #1215"
2. "I move to adopt Ordinance #1215 and read by title only"

The reasons for the request are as follows:

- Enable residents and visitors additional parking options to decrease instances of driving under the influence.
- Decrease the financial impact to those who get towed and make it more convenient to retrieve their vehicle.
- With increased positive COVID rates and potential further indoor gathering regulations, it is important to aid businesses with additional curbside pickup locations.

#### Introduction and History

##### **Winter Parking Regulations**

City code currently prohibits overnight parking in the downtown core to allow for safe and efficient removal of snow. Historically, those who violated this law had their vehicles towed to an impound lot. The average annual total number of tows has been between 50-60. The owner of the vehicle would be charged \$250 and then coordinate with tow operator to retrieve vehicle from secured tow lot. There was an additional \$50 daily charge for storage.

Last year the city started a pilot effort to be more user friendly to both residents and visitors. Specifically, the Washington Avenue parking lot was designated even/odd nights for overnight parking. In addition, First Avenue between River Street and First Street was designated as the tow lot for vehicles parked on the wrong side in the Washington Avenue parking lot. Since it was the first year of the pilot and new to residents and visitors, the city felt it was important to keep the towing fee as low as possible, the location of the vehicle close to the lot, and easily accessible.

This year, staff is proposing to maintain those elements and the following expansion components:

- Discontinue the practice of towing to a lot and instead relocate cars to Fifth Street between East Avenue and Walnut Avenue. Individuals would still need to pay \$90 tow fee and \$40 parking ticket. It is also important to remember the historical city impound lot is currently being used for construction parking associated with the new Fire Station.
- Designation of First Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets as even/odd night parking. Staff analyzed several blocks to offer an option on the north end of town. Based on topography, parking demands and construction projects, staff is recommending Second Avenue. When this was first presented to Council; First Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Street was being proposed but after further analysis, staff is recommending First Avenue as it will allow the center parking portion of the street to serve as a tow re-location area for the west side of Main Street.

#### Analysis/Next Steps

A neighborhood meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the corner of First Ave. and First Street to answer questions and address concerns regarding the original proposal to locate towed cars in that location. Based on that feedback, staff is recommending to move the in-street tow receiver site to Fifth Street between East Avenue and Walnut Avenue. The center parking spots of First Avenue would also be used for tow re-location.

A-Frame signs were recently placed on First Avenue recently to inform the public of the potential odd-even day overnight parking area.

The Traffic Authority held a special meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> to receive formal public testimony (email, Zoom, or in person) on the winter parking pilot and make a recommendation. The committee unanimously supported the scope of the pilot with the following potential adjustments:

- Explore one to two more on-street areas for relocating towed cars so-as-to allow for dispersed options for the tow operator in order to reduce travel time of tow.
- Explore adding two existing on-street parking locations which have snowmelt systems into the pilot for odd/even day overnight parking.

Should the expanded winter parking pilot move forward, staff would track the following metrics to help gauge the success of the project:

- Number of DUI citations
- Level of satisfaction from residents/adjacent businesses
- Impact to snow removal operations and safety
- Financial impact to city

#### Sustainability Impact

There is no sustainability impact.

#### Financial Impact

Should the city have to conduct double tows (move vehicle twice), there might be a financial impact.

Attachment:

Ordinance #1215

## ORDINANCE 1215

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, BLAINE COUNTY IDAHO, AMENDING KETCHUM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.08.060 PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND ADOPTING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER CLAUSE, A PUBLICATION CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the city desires to enable residents and visitors additional parking options to decrease the instances of driving under the influence;

**WHEREAS**, the city is exploring options to decrease the financial impact to those who get towed and make it more convenient to retrieve their vehicle;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO:**

**Section 1: That 10.08.310 item C of the Ketchum Municipal Code be amended as follows:**

10.08.060: PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS:

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device:

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle:
  1. On, or drive a motorized vehicle upon, a sidewalk.
  2. Within an intersection.
  3. In a crosswalk.
  4. In, or drive a motorized vehicle upon, a bicycle facility.
  5. Alongside or opposite any public right-of-way excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
  6. On a roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a public right-of-way.
  7. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a public right-of-way.
  8. Within twenty feet (20') of an intersection.
  9. At any place where official traffic control devices prohibit or limit such stopping, standing or parking. It shall be prohibited for any vehicle to remain stopped, standing or parked past the time limit prescribed on each official traffic control device. In addition, the time limit cannot be accrued throughout the day and a vehicle can only park once per day per block, at which time it will be required that a vehicle be removed from the block in which it was parked, for the remainder of that calendar day.
  10. In an alley so as to hinder or block traffic.

11. Along any painted curb.

B. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:

1. In front of a public or private driveway.
2. Within fifteen feet (15') of a fire hydrant.
3. Within twenty feet (20') of a crosswalk or a bike/pedestrian curb ramp.
4. Within thirty feet (30') upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or official traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; except, that vehicles which are six feet (6') or less in height may be permitted to stop, stand or park within such thirty foot (30') distance unless otherwise prohibited by ordinance, resolution or official traffic control device.
5. Within twenty feet (20') of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
6. At the passenger loading zone located on Howard Drive between Jane Lane and Skiway Drive or the north side of Picabo Street between Jane Lane and Skiway Drive.
7. For the temporary purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.
8. At any place where official traffic control devices prohibit such stopping, standing or parking.
9. In designated taxicab loading zones as indicated by curbside signs.
10. In designated bus stop zones.

C. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, or other apparatus that will obstruct the removal of snow, upon the public rights-of-way within the City from the hours of two o'clock (2:00) A.M. to seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. each day from November 1 of each year to May 1 of the following year with the exception of designated odd/even day overnight parking zones. Public parking lots may only be used from two o'clock (2:00) A.M. to seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. where specifically allowed and in accordance with posted regulations at each lot. (Ord. 1179, 2017)

**Section 2: SAVINGS AND SERABILITY CLAUSE.** It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the provisions and parts of this Ordinance shall be severable. If any paragraph, part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 4: REPEALER CLAUSE.** All City of Ketchum Ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 5: PUBLICATION.** This Ordinance, or a summary thereof in compliance with Section 50-901A, Idaho Code, substantially in the form annexed hereto shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

**Section 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication, according to law.

PASSED BY the CITY COUNCIL and APPROVED by the MAYOR of Ketchum, Idaho, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

APPROVED BY the Mayor of the City of Ketchum, Idaho, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

ATTEST

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Katrin Sharp, Deputy City Clerk