

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 25C-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
TITLE 10 OF MERCER ISLAND CITY CODE RELATED TO PARKING REGULATIONS;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, well-planned and sufficient parking is vital to the success of Mercer Island's Town Center economy and the experience of Town Center residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit Light Rail Station is anticipated to open in Q4 2025, impacting the vehicular behavior on Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town Center Parking Plan was adopted on November 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Center Parking Plan calls for the standardization of a two hour time limit for the on-street parking in Town Center; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the Mercer Island City Council directed that a user should be provided with two hours of free parking upon registration and have the option to extend their parking to a fourteen-hour maximum; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 25C-03 establishes the framework to implement a parking registration and payment system in the Mercer Island Town Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** **Amended.** Chapter 10.04 of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) shall be amended to add new MICC sections 10.04.130, 10.04.140 and 10.04.150 as set forth in Exhibit A of this ordinance.
- Section 2.** **Amended.** Chapter 10.36 MICC shall be amended to add new MICC sections 10.36.221 and 10.36.222 as set forth in Exhibit B of this ordinance.
- Section 3.** **Amended.** MICC 10.74.030 shall be amended as set forth in Exhibit C of this ordinance.
- Section 4.** **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, or its application held inapplicable to any person, property, or circumstance, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any other person, property, or circumstance.
- Section 5.** **Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 5 days after its passage and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON AT ITS MEETING ON THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 2025.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

Salim Nice, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

ATTEST:

Bio Park, City Attorney

Andrea Larson, City Clerk

Date of Publication: _____

EXHIBIT A

10.04.130 Town Center

Town Center means the geographic area and boundaries of Town Center which are set forth in Unified Land Development Appendix D, the Mercer Island Zoning Map.

10.04.140 Block

Block means the stretch of roadway between the two closest public street intersections on either end of the stretch. For cases where a roadway ends, a block is defined as the stretch of roadway between the end of the roadway and the closest public street intersection.

10.04.150 Parking Payment Device

Parking payment device means an authorized device used to aid in management, control, and payment of the parking of vehicles on Mercer Island streets, right-of-way, or other City of Mercer Island owned or managed parking facilities.

10.04.160 Official Sign

Official sign means any outdoor sign, device, placard, poster, or pavement marking, which is posted, installed or marked on any City street, right of way or City of Mercer Island owned or managed parking facilities', by the City engineer to regulate parking. The City engineer or their designee shall have the authority to administer official signs.

EXHIBIT B

10.36.221 Time Limited Parking

A. In Town Center

1. Wherever parking is available in the Town Center on streets or right-of-way, no person having control of a vehicle may park or stand such vehicle beyond the time limits established by official signs. If the vehicle remains parked beyond the legal parking time which is designated by an official sign, such vehicle is in violation of this section.
2. Where a time limit is established by official signs in Town Center, no person having control over a vehicle may repark that vehicle on either side of the same block to extend the vehicle's parking time beyond the time limits established. For purposes of this section, a vehicle is deemed to be reparked and in violation of this section despite any movement of the vehicle unless the vehicle is moved to a different block than the vehicle was originally parked upon.

B. Wherever parking is available at City of Mercer Island owned or managed parking facilities, no person having control of a vehicle may park or stand such vehicle beyond the time limits established by official signs. If the vehicle remains parked beyond the legal parking time which is designated by an official sign, such vehicle is in violation of this section.

C. Prohibited parking. Parking is prohibited in areas established as no parking at any time by official signs. Parking in these areas is a violation of parking regulations and punishable by a parking infraction of fifty-four dollars.

D. Failure to pay and/or register a vehicle with the parking payment device is a violation of this section when required by official signs established by the City, and is punishable by a parking infraction of fifty-four dollars.

10.36.222 Parking Rates and Fees

Rates for all public parking fees will be set by resolution as part of the annual fee schedule adoption.

10.74.030 Parking restrictions.

Parking of vehicles on the specified portions of the following city streets shall be prohibited or restricted as posted. It is a violation of this chapter to park in the following areas contrary to the restrictions and prohibitions below:

A. In the North Mercer neighborhood.

1. *Establishment of North Mercer restricted parking district.* All streets described in subsection (A)(2) of this section are hereby established as a restricted parking district where parking shall be restricted except by permits issued to district residents. The city engineer shall have discretion to exclude those streets or a portion of streets included within this district from the restricted parking district if the occupants of a majority of the residences on such streets or portion of such streets request such exclusion in writing.
 - a. *Guest vehicle parking permit.*
 - i. A noncommercial resident within the North Mercer restricted parking district may apply for a maximum of two guest vehicle parking permits per address in conjunction with a North Mercer restricted parking district permit.
 - ii. Guest vehicle parking permits are transferable among vehicles of guests of residents of the North Mercer restricted parking district and must be displayed as required by the city.
 - iii. A valid guest vehicle parking permit, displayed as required by the city, confers on the vehicle bearing it the same parking privileges and restrictions as a North Mercer restricted parking district permit; provided, a guest vehicle parking permit does not confer privileges outside the boundaries of the North Mercer restricted parking district.
 - iv. The application, fee, permit issuance, expiration and renewal, revocation and penalty, and appeal provisions of MICC 10.74.020(C) through (G) apply to guest vehicle parking permits.
 - b. *Service vehicles/temporary contractor permit.*
 - i. *Service vehicles.*
 - (a) A service vehicle is a vehicle not owned by a North Mercer restricted parking district resident, with conspicuous identification of the service it provides permanently affixed to the vehicle, that is used for the purpose of providing short-term repair, construction, landscaping services, delivery, utility, refuse, health commodities, life support or emergency service for a residence within the restricted district for less than two consecutive days. Personal vehicles used by domestic employees, such as housekeepers or child care providers, are not considered service vehicles.
 - (b) Service vehicles may park during restricted hours in the North Mercer restricted parking district without a permit for up to two consecutive days. Personal vehicles used by domestic employees, such as housekeepers or child care providers, must park on private property or use a residence guest vehicle parking permit.

- (c) If a service vehicle will use on-street parking for more than two consecutive parking-restricted days, the owner or occupant of the residence receiving the service must either provide off-street parking, provide a residence guest permit, or obtain a temporary contractor parking permit.
- ii. *Temporary contractor parking permit.*
 - (a) A noncommercial resident within the North Mercer restricted parking district who holds a current North Mercer restricted parking district permit may apply for a temporary contractor parking permit.
 - (b) A temporary contractor license may be requested for a contractor that:
 - (1) Needs on-street parking in the North Mercer restricted parking district for more than two consecutive days to provide service to a North Mercer restricted parking district resident that cannot be accommodated by the resident's guest vehicle permit; and
 - (2) Has a current Mercer Island business license permitting it to operate within city limits.
 - (c) At the discretion of the city engineer, or his or her designee, and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee to be set by the director of finance, a temporary contractor parking permit may be issued for 30, 60, or 90 days, depending on the estimated length of the project, and must be displayed as required by the city. A temporary contractor parking permit is not transferable and will not be valid beyond its expiration date.
 - (d) A resident may be allowed two active temporary contractor permits for work being performed at a single address. If a compelling need can be shown, the city may issue up to two additional temporary contractor permits, but no residence can have the benefit of more than four active temporary contractor permits at any time.
 - (e) A valid temporary contractor parking permit, displayed as required by the city, confers on the vehicle bearing it the same parking privileges and restrictions as a North Mercer restricted parking district permit; provided, a temporary contractor parking permit does not confer privileges outside the boundaries of the North Mercer restricted parking district.
 - (f) The application, revocation and penalty, and appeal provisions of MICC 10.74.020(C), (F) and (G) apply to temporary contractor vehicle permits.
- 2. *Restricted parking.* Parking on the following specified city streets or portions thereof is restricted to noncommercial vehicles of district residents displaying a valid North Mercer restricted parking district permit, and other vehicles displaying parking permits as allowed by subsection (A)(1) of this section, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.:
 - a. SE 24th Street: North side between 78th Avenue SE and 81st Avenue SE;
 - b. 78th Avenue SE: Both sides between SE 24th Street and SE 22nd Street;
 - c. 80th Avenue SE: Both sides between SE 22nd Street and SE 24th Street;
 - d. 81st Avenue SE: East side between SE 24th Street and North Mercer Way; and
 - e. 82nd Avenue SE: Both sides from SE 24th north to dead end.

3. *Prohibited parking.* Parking is prohibited as to all vehicles, including those with a North Mercer restricted parking district permit, on the following streets or portions thereof:
 - a. SE 22nd Place: North side between 78th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE;
 - b. SE 22nd Street: Both sides between 80th Avenue SE and 81st Avenue SE;
 - c. SE 24th Street:
 - i. South side between 78th Avenue SE and 81st Avenue SE;
 - ii. Both sides between 81st Avenue SE and 84th Avenue SE;
 - d. SE 26th Street: Both sides between North Mercer Way and 84th Avenue SE;
 - e. North Mercer Way: Both sides between 76th Avenue SE and Island Crest Way;
 - f. 80th Avenue SE: Both sides between SE 20th Street and SE 22nd Street;
 - g. 81st Avenue SE:
 - i. Both sides between 82nd Avenue SE and SE 22nd Street;
 - ii. Both sides between SE 22nd Street and SE 24th Street;
 - iii. West side between SE 24th Street and North Mercer Way; and
 - h. 84th Avenue SE: Both sides between SE 24th Street and North Mercer Way.
- B. ~~In the Town Center.~~ [\(Section Repealed\)](#)
1. ~~Time limited parking.~~
 - a. ~~Two hour limit.~~ Parking is restricted to two hour limits as follows:
 - i. ~~Sunset Highway:~~
 - (a) ~~South side between 77th Avenue SE and 78th Avenue SE;~~
 - ii. ~~SE 27th Street:~~
 - (a) ~~Both sides between 76th Avenue SE and 77th Avenue SE;~~
 - (b) ~~South side between 78th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE;~~
 - iii. ~~SE 28th Street: North side between 78th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE;~~
 - iv. ~~76th Avenue SE: Both sides between SE 27th Street and Extension of SE 27th Street;~~
 - v. ~~77th Avenue SE: Both sides between Sunset Highway and SE 27th Street;~~
 - vi. ~~78th Avenue SE:~~
 - (a) ~~The west side between Sunset Highway and SE 27th Street;~~
 - (b) ~~Both sides between SE 27th Street and SE 28th Street;~~
 - vii. ~~80th Avenue SE: West side between SE 27th Street and SE 28th Street.;~~
 - b. ~~Thirty minute limit.~~ Parking is restricted to 30 minutes, as follows:
 - i. ~~SE 28th Street: Two spaces as indicated on the north side between 78th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE.~~
 - c. ~~Three minute limit.~~ Parking is restricted to three minutes for loading/unloading, as follows:
 - i. ~~76th Avenue SE: Two spaces as indicated on the east side between SE 24th Street and SE 27th Street.~~
 - d. ~~Four hour limit.~~ Parking is restricted to four hours in the cul-de-sac located on the east end of Sunset Highway.
 2. ~~Reserved.~~

3. ~~Prohibited parking. Parking is prohibited as to all vehicles on the following streets or portions thereof (no parking anytime):~~
- a. ~~Sunset Highway: Both sides between the two cul-de-sacs, except for seven spaces on the south side adjacent to 7700 Sunset Highway;~~
 - b. ~~SE 27th Street: Both sides between 76th Avenue SE Extension and Island Crest Way, except for two spaces on the south side between 78th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE;~~
 - c. ~~SE 32nd Street: Both sides between 77th Avenue SE and 78th Avenue SE, except for three spaces on the south side;~~
 - d. ~~76th Avenue SE:~~
 - i. ~~Both sides between North Mercer Way and SE 27th Street;~~
 - ii. ~~Both sides between SE 28th Street and SE 29th Street;~~
 - e. ~~77th Avenue SE: Both sides between Sunset Highway and SE 32nd Street, except for two spaces on the west side and two spaces on the east side of 77th Avenue SE between Sunset Highway and SE 27th Street;~~
 - f. ~~78th Avenue SE:~~
 - i. ~~Both sides between Sunset Highway and SE 27th Street, except for seven spaces on the west side of 78th Avenue SE;~~
 - ii. ~~Both sides between SE 29th Street and SE 32nd Street;~~
 - g. ~~80th Avenue SE:~~
 - i. ~~East side from SE 27th Street to SE 28th Street;~~
 - ii. ~~Areas currently signed "No Parking Anytime"; and~~
 - h. ~~Any other areas specifically signed "No Parking Anytime."~~

C. ~~Reserved:~~ [\(Section Repealed\)](#)

D. *Exceptions.*

1. *Disabled privileges.* The establishment of the parking restrictions in this section shall not limit parking of vehicles as authorized by RCW 46.16.381 providing special parking privileges for disabled persons.
2. *Holidays.* The parking restrictions established in this section shall not apply on the following holidays, as set forth in MICC 10.02.030, adopting WAC 308-330-127: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.