

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. _____
Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING SANDPOINT CITY CODE TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, DEFINITIONS, AND CHAPTER 5, OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Following is a summary of the provisions of Ordinance No. _____.

Ordinance Section 1 amends the definitions of “alley”, “parking area”, both “public” and “private”, and “street”, specifically removing “alley” from the definition of “street”, as reflected under City Code 9-1-3.

Ordinance Section 2 amends City Code Title 9, Chapter 5, Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities, to provide for minor verbiage changes throughout and to provide for additional changes as described below.

Amendments to 9-5-1, General Provisions, address additional parking and loading space requirements after buildings or structures are enlarged or following a change in use or occupancy, add language reflecting that parking space requirements are determined by relevant permit approval authority, provide for exemptions for non-residential development inside a particular boundary, reflected with a legal description and map, and contain a subsection specifically stating that, for the purposes of this chapter, an alley is not a public street. Amendments to 9-5-3, Shared Parking Reduction, provide the relevant authority for approval of shared development or use of parking facilities and parking space reduction. Amendments to 9-5-4, Access and Maneuvering Area, provide an exemption from parking area design requirements for certain residential development and provide for driveway requirements. Amendments to 9-5-5, Minimum Distance and Setbacks, provide for sight triangle requirements for visibility. Amendments to 9-5-6, Surfacing, define “hard surfacing” for purposes of this chapter, provide that hard surfacing must be completed before a certificate of occupancy is issued, provide for hard surfacing requirements, provide for exceptions, and state that construction and repaving of parking facilities must be in accordance with the City’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Amendments to 9-5-7, Maintenance, provide that the City is not responsible for maintenance of parking facilities on private property or hard surfacing of alleys. Amendments to 9-5-8, Lighting, provide that parking areas intended for use during non-daylight hours shall be properly illuminated per the City’s outdoor lighting code and remove the exemption for residential uses. Amendments to 9-5-9, Wheel Blocks, provide for specific wheel block requirements. Amendments to 9-5-11, Striping, provide for the dimensional standards of parking area striping. Amendments to 9-5-12, Screening and/or Landscaping, provide standards for pedestrian access, including accessibility per the ADA, snow storage, parking area directional signage, and minimum landscaping, planting screen, and buffer requirements, including the types of tree and shrubbery species, to be installed in and around parking areas, along with exemptions outlining exceptions to the requirements of this section. Amendments to 9-5-14, Design and Dimensional Standards, remove the subsection on bicycle spaces (see 9-5-15, below) and add diagrams to

demonstrate parking design standards. Amendments to 9-5-15, Minimum and Maximum Surface Parking Space Requirements, add a subsection addressing bicycle spaces (moved to this section from 9-5-14). Amendments to 9-5-16, Parking Credits, add a statement addressing motorcycle parking backup space. Amendments to 9-5-18, In Lieu Parking Fees, clarify the purpose and applicability of this section, reflect verbiage changes to definitions, reflect that the fee dollar amount is set by Council resolution, delete the requirement for payment of fees in conjunction with the issuance of a building permit, provide for Planning and Zoning Commission review of certain development and conditional use permit applications that intend to utilize the in lieu fee option, and provide for public notice when a development application seeks parking reduction.

Ordinance Section 3 provides for repeal and severability.

Ordinance Section 4 provides for publication and an effective date.

This publication is a summary of the full Ordinance and is being published pursuant to Idaho Code Section 50-901A. This ordinance was passed and approved upon a proper roll call vote and duly enacted at a properly-noticed session of the Sandpoint City Council, held _____, 2025. The full text of the Ordinance is on file with the Sandpoint City Clerk and will be promptly provided during regular hours to any citizen on personal request.

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