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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING CHAPTER 8 ENTITLED “PARKING REGULATIONS” BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 7 ENTITLED “RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND WATERCRAFT”; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITION OF TRAILERS; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF PARKING ON RIGHTS OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF ARTICLE 8.9 (E) RELATIVE TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO TABLE 8-6 ENTITLED “REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES”; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the purpose and intent of the off-street parking and loading standards in the City of Westlake Land Development Regulations is to ensure that adequate parking is provided to meet the parking needs of all uses located within the City of Westlake; and

**Whereas**, the parking code provides standards and requirements for parking both on-site and off- site, loading requirements and stacking requirements for parking facilities based upon the density and intensity of residential and non-residential use; and

**Whereas**, the parking code provides requirements for pedestrian circulation, lighting standards within parking lots, and standards for reduced and shared parking requirements for new or expanded uses; and

**Whereas**, the Local Planning Agency has conducted a hearing on September 3, 2024, and made a recommendation to the City Council with respect to the adoption of the parking regulations ordinance; and

**Whereas**, the City Council has conducted a public hearing on **TBD**, wherein it considered the recommendation of the Local Planning Agency Board, the City staff and comments from the public into consideration and has determined that the adoption of this parking regulations ordinance is in the best interest of the public safety and welfare of the City of Westlake; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

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1           **SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby amends the City’s Code of Ordinances by  
2 specifically amending Chapter 8 Entitled “Parking Regulations” by specifically amending  
3 Section 7 entitled “Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Watercraft”:

4                   **Section 7.       Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Watercraft**

5                   (1)       **Applicability.** This section shall not be read to prohibit the  
6 storage of trailers, recreational vehicles, watercraft, or similar vehicles in  
7 either a) commercial storage facilities, or b) commercial or retail facilities  
8 displaying trailers, recreational vehicles, watercraft, or similar vehicles  
9 within a designated area pursuant to an approved site plan.

10                  (2)       **Storage.** Recreational vehicles, trailers (shall mean any vehicle  
11 with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for  
12 carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle.), and  
13 watercraft shall be stored in a fully-enclosed garage facility.

14                  (3)       **Loading and unloading.** An RV or watercraft may be permitted  
15 in the front yard of a lot for one 24-hour period to permit loading or  
16 unloading. This period may be extended by the Planning and Zoning  
17 Director.

18                  (4)       **Residential use prohibited.** Under no circumstances shall an  
19 RV or watercraft, parked or stored pursuant to this subdivision, be used  
20 for temporary or permanent residential purposes, including living,  
21 sleeping, or other similar occupancy, or storage in any manner.

22                  (5)       **Watercraft and trailers.** For the purposes of this subdivision,  
23 when a watercraft is parked, stored, or resting on a trailer or similar device  
24 used or intended for storage or transportation, the watercraft and the trailer  
25 shall be considered a single unit and subject to the regulations and  
26 restrictions applicable to a watercraft.

27                  (6)       **Parking on rights-of-way.** The parking, standing or stopping of  
28 a watercraft; RV; swamp buggies; bus; truck with a gross vehicle weight  
29 rating in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, or rated over one (1) ton,  
30 or height in excess of seven (7) feet including any load, bed or box, or  
31 length in excess of twenty-two (22) feet; truck tractor; trailer; semi-trailer;  
32 pole trailer; step-van; commercial vehicle; recreational vehicle; or  
33 construction and industrial equipment for a period exceeding one (1) hour  
34 in any twenty-four-hour period is prohibited on all public streets, all alleys  
35 and rights-of-way therewith located within the city.

36                               (a)       The prohibitions shall not apply to motor vehicles which  
37 are temporarily parked for the purpose of loading and  
38 unloading materials or equipment or making service

- 1 calls, however, the duration of such temporary parking
- 2 shall not exceed four (4) hours in any twenty-four-hour
- 3 period.
- 4 (b) The prohibitions shall not apply to motor vehicles which
- 5 have become disabled; however, the duration of such
- 6 temporary parking shall not exceed four (4) hours after
- 7 which the vehicle must be removed by wrecker towing if
- 8 necessary, regardless of the nature of the emergency.
- 9 (c) The parking of non-prohibited vehicles shall be done in
- 10 a safe manner so as not to cause hazards such as
- 11 encroachment on sidewalks, obstruction of visibility to
- 12 motorists utilizing the roadway, or in general affecting
- 13 the ability of motorists to safely use the roadway. The
- 14 parking of non-prohibited vehicles shall not obstruct
- 15 driveways or impede the ability of the abutting property
- 16 owner to maintain the right-of-way strip.
- 17 (d) No person shall park a vehicle upon any right-of-way for
- 18 the purpose of advertising any place of business or
- 19 service, displaying the vehicle for sale, repairing the
- 20 vehicle except repairs necessary for meeting an
- 21 emergency, or selling merchandise from the vehicle,
- 22 except when authorized or licensed under the Code or
- 23 other ordinances of the city.
- 24 (e) Parking on swales. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or
- 25 drive a motor vehicle upon the unpaved portion of the
- 26 street right-of-way or swale area within the city.
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28 **ARTICLE 8.9**                      **Number of Parking Spaces Required**

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30                      Section 1:                      General Provisions

31 A) Miscellaneous Uses. For any use not listed in Table 8-6, Required Off-street Parking  
32 Spaces, the planning and zoning director shall determine off-street parking requirements  
33 based on uses with similar characteristics.

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35 B) Required spaces. The number of off-street parking spaces required for individual uses  
36 is established in Table 8-6. The standards established in this section provide the  
37 minimum vehicular parking requirements for the various uses as classified. As indicated  
38 in Table 8-6, the planning and zoning director may request additional information to  
39 demonstrate compliance with overall parking demand.

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2 C) Mixed uses. For mixed use projects approved by the city council with a specific  
3 percentage of individual uses, total off-street parking requirements shall be calculated  
4 based upon the requirements applicable to each individual use. For commercial shopping  
5 centers or other centers which may provide a variety of mixed uses, the parking  
6 requirements for a shopping center shall apply.

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8 D) Parking Deviation(s). Deviation(s) from the provisions of this Chapter may be  
9 permitted for government facilities within the Downtown Mixed Use and Civic Zoning  
10 Districts, subject to approval by the City Council utilizing the following standards:

11 (1) The proposed deviation(s) maintains compatibility with  
12 the uses and character of land surrounding and in the vicinity of the land proposed for  
13 development;

14 (2) Adverse effects on adjacent uses and lands, including  
15 but not limited to visual impact, are determined to be minimal or otherwise negligible  
16 upon review and consideration of surrounding lands, uses, zoning, Future Land Use  
17 (FLU), character, or other pre-existing conditions;

18 (3) Special or unique circumstances or factors exist that are  
19 applicable to the proposed use, structure, feature, or land proposed for development;

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21 (4) The proposed deviation(s) allows for reasonable or  
22 practical use of the land proposed for development;

23 (5) Approval of the deviation(s) is consistent with the  
24 purpose, goals, policies, and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and these Land  
25 Development Regulations; and,

26 (6) Approval of the deviation(s) is not injurious to the  
27 surrounding area or otherwise detrimental to public health, safety, and general welfare.  
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29 ~~E) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Each Electric Vehicle Charging Parking Space~~  
30 ~~(EVCPS) shall be marked by a sign designating the parking space as an EVCPS~~  
31 ~~parking space, in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices~~  
32 ~~(MUTCD) of the Federal Highway Administration for electric vehicles.~~

33 ~~(1) For multi-family residential developments, Electric Vehicle Charging~~  
34 ~~Parking Space(s) (EVCPS) are permitted by right.~~

35 ~~(2) Non-residential developments shall have a minimum of one (1) space~~  
36 ~~or 2% of the total required parking spaces (whichever is greater)~~  
37 ~~designated as EVCPS, up to a maximum of 20 spaces or up to 10% of~~  
38 ~~the total required parking spaces (whichever is greater).~~

39 ~~(3) In order to qualify as an EVCPS, the parking space must have a~~

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- 1                                    ~~Level 2 or higher electric vehicle charger.~~
- 2                                    ~~(4) By right, any space in any residential or non-residential development~~
- 3                                    ~~may be developed with the electrical and other infrastructure~~
- 4                                    ~~necessary to support an electric vehicle charger, whether or not such~~
- 5                                    ~~charger is installed.~~
- 6                                    ~~(5) All EVCPSs shall count towards parking space requirements.~~
- 7                                    ~~Vehicles that are not capable of charging by using the EVCPS are~~
- 8                                    ~~prohibited from parking in these space. The parking space must have~~
- 9                                    ~~a Level 2 or higher electric vehicle charger.~~
- 10                                   ~~(6) EVCPSs shall be painted green or shall be marked by green painted~~
- 11                                   ~~lines or curbs.~~

13    **SECTION 3.** Providing for the amendment to Table 8-6 entitled “Required Off-Street  
14    Parking Spaces” amended as follows:

15                                    **TABLE 8-6: REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES**

Recreation, Commercial-Indoor	<del>To be determined</del> <u>1 space per 360 square feet</u>
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18    **SECTION 4.** Codification. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Westlake that  
19    the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of  
20    the City of Westlake, Florida, and that the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-  
21    lettered and the word “Ordinance” may be changed to “Section,” “Article” or such other word  
22    or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

24    **SECTION 5.** Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions  
25    which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

27    **SECTION 6.** Severability. Should the provisions of this ordinance be declared to be severable  
28    and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be  
29    invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections,  
30    sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the  
31    legislative intent that this ordinance shall remain notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

33    **SECTION 7.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption on second  
34    reading.

36    **PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, on first reading.

37    **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, on second reading.

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Zoie Burgess, City Clerk

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CITY ATTORNEY