



GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR OF BUSINESS
TUESDAY, September 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.
KYROUZ AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL
COUNCIL MEETING #2023-017
MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION

• ***ADDENDUM TO THE MAYOR'S REPORT***

1. Memorandum from Mayor requesting an amendment to Gloucester Code of Ordinances re: Allowing vehicles with veterans plates to park for free at meters or lots

(Refer O&A)


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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY CLERK
GLOUCESTER, MA
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TO: City Council
FROM: Greg Verga, Mayor 
DATE: September 11, 2023
RE: Addendum to Mayor's Report – September 12, 2023 City Council Meeting

Members of the City Council, for your consideration I request that you add the following item to your September 12th unanimous consent agenda. Attached you will find an adopted ordinance from the City of Salem and a draft ordinance from the City of Beverly. I hope that these documents will aid your discussions to develop a similar ordinance for the City of Gloucester. With Veterans Day approaching on November 11, it seems appropriate to start this process and possibly have this enacted by the holiday. I have already discussed this matter with Councilor Nolan, Chair of O&A and he looks forward to taking up the matter.

Please refer this matter to the Ordinance and Administration Standing Committee for review and approval.

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CITY OF SALEM
JUNE 22, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

#375 – (#636 of 2022) – FRAMEWORK OF A TENANT PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Councillor McCarthy assumes the chair.

Councillor Stott offered the following report for the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation. Councillor Dominguez recused himself from this matter.

The Committee of the Whole to whom it was referred the matter of Framework of a Tenant Protection Ordinance has considered said matter and would recommend that the matter be received and filed.

Councillor Stott stated this is also known as the Condo Conversion ordinance. Hopefully next time a submission of the ordinance will be done. Waiting for the house bill to pass.

#376 – (#273) – PRESENTATION OF FLOOD ORDINANCE

Councillor Stott offered the following report for the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

The Committee of the Whole to whom it was referred the matter of the Planning Department making a presentation relative to a Flood Ordinance has considered said matter and would recommend that the presentation be received and filed.

Councillor Stott stated it was a good discussion and the next step is to receive the zoning ordinance in the fall.

Councillor Stott assumes the chair.

#377 – ALLOWING VEHICLES WITH VETERANS PLATES TO PARK FOR FREE AT METERS OR LOTS

The following order submitted by the Traffic and Parking Director was adopted.

Ordered: That the City permit any individual with a Veteran license plate to park for free at any on and off-street metered space as well as any off street space requiring payment via a kiosk or app based payment within the City of Salem.

Councillor Hapworth stated that this was a great thing to do and other communities do it. This has been done unofficial in the past and now this makes it official. Statistics were done on how many tickets were issues to vehicles that had Veterans plates.

§ 270-66 **Downtown Beverly Parking District.**

Purpose statement. The Downtown Beverly Parking District is created to manage public parking spaces to maximize public benefit by ensuring that reasonable access to parking is available to the variety of users within the downtown district. Reasonable access to parking will support a vibrant economy and an active downtown mixed-use district.

- A. The boundaries of the Downtown Beverly Parking District are established by the attached map.
- B. Zones.
 - (1) On-street parking regulations devices.
 - (a) The hours of operation of on-street parking regulation devices in the Downtown Beverly Parking District will be as follows: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays and holidays are free.
 - (b) The fee for on-street parking regulation devices in the Downtown Beverly Parking District will be up to \$1 per hour. This fee shall not apply or be enforced against any passenger vehicle or motorcycle displaying a Veteran, Disabled Veteran, National Guard, Awarded Medal Veteran, Gold Star Family, or Medal of Liberty plate issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles; any comparable out-of-state plate issued by similar government agency; or a Veterans Parking sticker issued by the City of Beverly Veterans Services Department.
 - (c) The following on-street locations will be regulated by parking regulation devices, unless specifically regulated otherwise, in the Downtown Beverly Parking District:

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Name of Street	Location
Abbott Street	From Cabot Street 200 feet east
Bow Street	From Cabot 165 feet west
Bow Street	From Park Street to 165 feet east of Rantoul Street
Briscoe Street	From Essex Street to Hale Street
Broadway	From Cabot Street to

Name of Street	Location
	Milton Street
Broadway	From Park Street to 350 feet east of Rantoul Street
Cabot Street	From Charnock Street to Highland Avenue
Essex Street	From Dane Street to Cabot Street
Federal Street	From Cabot Street to 125 feet west of Chapman Street
Hale Street	From Cabot Street 375 feet east
Judson Street	From Cabot 70 feet west
Knowlton Street	From Dane Street to Cabot Street
Park Street	From Bow Street to Pleasant Street
Pond Street	From Cabot

Name of Street	Location
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Street west
375 feet to
end of
Pond
Street
parking lot
(MPL-D)

Railroad Avenue	From Hardy Street to Park Street
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Rantoul Street	From 50 feet north of Creek Street to Edwards Street
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River Street	From Bridge Street to Webber Avenue
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Riverside Street	From Rantoul Street to Park Street
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Thorndike Street	From Endicott Street to Cabot Street
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Wallis Street	From Cabot Street 125 feet west
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Washington Street	From Cabot Street 200 feet east
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West Dane Street	From Cabot Street 125
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Name of Street	Location
	feet west
Winter Street	From Essex Street to 100 feet east of Knowlton Street

(2) Off-street public parking lots.

- (a) The hours of operation of off-street parking regulation devices in public parking lots in the Downtown Beverly Parking District, except for the Waterfront and Summit Congress Lots, will be as follows: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sundays and holidays are free. The hours of operation of off-street parking regulation devices in the Summit Congress Lot in the Downtown Beverly Parking District are as follows: Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; holidays are free. The hours of operation of off-street parking regulation devices in the Waterfront Lot in the Downtown Beverly Parking District are as follows: Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; holidays are free. Additionally, no person shall park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours in the Waterfront Lot in any spaces marked with such limitation. Overnight parking is prohibited in the Waterfront and Summit Congress Lots between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (b) The fee for parking regulation devices in off-street public parking lots in the Downtown Beverly Parking District, except for the Waterfront and Summit Congress Lots, will be up to \$0.50 per hour. The fee for parking regulation devices in the Waterfront and Summit Congress Lots in the Downtown Beverly Parking District will be up to \$1 per hour. This fee shall not apply or be enforced against any passenger vehicle or motorcycle displaying a Veteran, Disabled Veteran, National Guard, Awarded Medal Veteran, Gold Star Family, or Medal of Liberty plate issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles; any comparable out-of-state plate issued by similar government agency; or a Veterans Parking sticker issued by the City of Beverly Veterans Services Department.
- (c) Employees of businesses that are located within the Downtown Beverly Parking District may purchase a parking permit that allows them to park without making payment in an off-street public parking lot in the Downtown Beverly Parking District, excluding the Waterfront, Summit Congress, and Restaurant Lots, from Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (d) Employee parking permits issued pursuant to this section will be issued by the Engineering Department.
- (e) Fees established for employee parking permits will be up to \$25 per month.
- (f) Nonelectric vehicles shall not park in spaces designated as electric vehicle charging stations. Electric vehicles shall not park in spaces designated as electric vehicle charging stations if not actively charging.
- (g) The following off-street public parking lots will be regulated by parking regulation devices in the Downtown Beverly Parking District:
- [1] MPL-A: Rear of 218-226 Cabot Street (Cabot Lot).
 - [2] MPL-B: Corner of Chapman Street and Federal Street (Chapman Federal Lot).

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- [3] MPL-C: Pond Street and Chapman Street (Pond Chapman Lot).
 - [4] MPL-D: Pond Street (Pond Lot).
 - [5] MPL-F: Between Washington Street and Franklin Place (Franklin Washington Lot).
 - [6] MPL-G: Corner of Hale Street and Briscoe Street (Hale Briscoe Lot).
 - [7] MPL-H: Cabot Street lot, Harbor Master lot, and bridge lot (Waterfront Lot).
 - [8] MPL-I: Summit Avenue and Congress Street (Summit Congress Lot).
- (h) The off-street public parking lot located at Water Street (Restaurant Lot) will not be regulated by parking regulation devices. No person shall park a vehicle for a period of time longer than three hours in the Restaurant Lot.
- (3) Time-limited parking.
- (a) No person shall park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, on the below-listed streets, unless he/she has a valid resident parking permit, unless specifically regulated otherwise.

Name of Street	Location
Arthur Street	From Arthur Court to Chase Street
Arthur Court	From Judson Street to Arthur Street
Ashland Street	From Federal Street to Home Street
Bow Street	From 165 feet west of Cabot Street to 165 feet east of Rantoul Street
Broadway	From Milton Street to 350 feet east of Rantoul Street
Chapman Street (east side)	From Bow Street to Federal Street
Chapman Street (west side)	From Federal Street to Pond Street
Chapman Terrace	From Chapman Street to its western terminus
Chase Street	From Federal Street to West Dane Street
Edwards Street	From Cabot Street to Rantoul Street
Elm Street	From Vestry Street to Railroad Avenue
Fayette Street	From Cabot Street to Rantoul Street
Federal Street	From 125 feet west of Chapman Street to Rantoul Street
Highland Avenue	From Cabot Street to Railroad Avenue

Name of Street	Location
Highland Terrace	From Highland Avenue to its eastern terminus
Home Street	From Bow Street to Rantoul Street
Judson Street	From 70 feet west of Cabot Street to Chase Street
Mulberry Street	From West Dane Street to Federal Street
Moulton Court	From Railroad Avenue to its eastern terminus
Phillips Street	The entire length between each intersection with Pleasant Street
Pleasant Street	From Cabot Street to Rantoul Street
Pond Street	From Chapman Street to Rantoul Street
Railroad Avenue	From Elm Street to Hardy Street
Rantoul Street	From Edwards Street south to Cabot Street
River Street	From Webber Avenue south to School Street
School Street	From Cabot Street to Cox Court
South Hardy Street	From Fayette Street to its northern terminus
Summit Avenue (west side)	From 215 feet north of Cabot Street to 250 feet west and south of Cox Court
Vestry Street	From Cabot Street to the western terminus
Webber Avenue	From River Street to Wellman Street
West Dane Street	From 125 feet west of Cabot Street to Rantoul Street
Winter Street	From 100 feet east of Knowlton to Cabot Street

- (b) Parking is allowed without a resident parking permit from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays and holidays.
- (c) Residents who live within the following areas shall have access to a resident parking permit that allows them to park in time-limited on-street parking for longer than two hours. Up to two resident parking permits will be available per household.
- [1] Time-limited zones as listed in this § 270-66B(3)(c).
 - [2] Between Cabot Street and Rantoul Street which are within the On-Street Parking Regulation Device Zone listed in this § 270-66B(3)(c); and
 - [3] On Rantoul Street or Cabot Street within the Downtown Beverly Parking District.

- (d) Resident parking permits issued pursuant to this section will be managed by the Engineering Department.
- (e) Employees of businesses that are located within the Downtown Beverly Parking District who have purchased a parking permit that allows them to park in an off-street public parking lot in the Downtown Beverly Parking District are able to park in time-limited zones for longer than four hours.
- (4) City Hall parking lot.
 - (a) From 12:00 midnight Monday to 4:00 p.m. Friday, parking free of charge in the City Hall parking lot is authorized for official City business only. During these times, however, the following is prohibited:
 - [1] Parking in a space that is specifically designated by office or other reason, either by signs, markings or painted-on surface, or knowing that such space is used for such designated office or purpose, should such sign be unlawfully removed, destroyed or obliterated; and
 - [2] Parking in a visitor's space in excess of a posted time limit.
 - (b) Parking for non-City Hall business is permitted parking between the hours of 4:01 p.m. on Friday through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday. The hours of off-street parking regulation devices for the City Hall parking lot will be as follows: Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The devices shall not be operational on Sundays and holidays, i.e., parking is free.
 - (c) Parking outside of a lined parking space is prohibited at all times.
 - (d) Unauthorized parking may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense under the provisions of Article IX of this chapter by the direction of the commanding officer of the Police Department, in addition to the penalties provided for under § 270-63 of this chapter.