

**CITY OF IONIA  
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 577**

**AN ORDINANCE TO: AMEND PART FOUR, CHAPTER 440, SECTION 440.02 ENTITLED “PARKING WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT; AMEND PART FOUR, CHAPTER 440, SECTION 440.04 ENTITLED “RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT PARKING REGULATIONS”; AMEND PART FOUR, CHAPTER 440, SECTION 440.10 ENTITLED “ODD/EVEN PARKING”; AND AMEND PART FOUR, CHAPTER 440, SECTION 440.99 ENTITLED “PENALTY; IMPOUNDING” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IONIA**

**The City of Ionia Ordains:**

**Section 1: Amendment**

That Part Four, Chapter 440, Section 440.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia is amended to read as follows:

440.02 PARKING WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.

Enforcement. The enforcement of parking regulations in the Downtown District shall be in accordance with the following:

(a) Parking will be enforced in the downtown area beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

(b) Parking hours in the Downtown District will not be enforced on holidays or Sundays as otherwise specified in this chapter.

(c) Enforcement shall include the following:

(1) Washington Street;

(2) Main Street;

(3) Adams Street;

(4) Steele Street;

(5) Kidd Street;

(6) Depot Street;

(7) Hudson Street;

(8) Library Street; and

(9) Public parking lots located with the Downtown District.

(d) Parking enforcement shall be made by the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee(s).

(e) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle, truck, or trailer, whether it is operable or inoperable, to be abandoned within the Downtown District. “Abandonment” as used in this subsection, means being parked on public property for a continuous period in excess of seventy-two hours in the same location.

**Section 2: Amendment**

That Part Four, Chapter 440, Section 440.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia is amended to read as follows:

**440.04 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT PARKING REGULATIONS.**

When signs prohibiting or limiting parking to a specific time period are erected in proximity to a space marked for parking in any Residential District, no person shall park a vehicle in that space if parking is prohibited or if parking is limited, park in excess of the time period as established by the official signs in that area.

**Section 3: Amendment**

That Part Four, Chapter 440, Section 440.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia is amended to read as follows:

**440.10 ODD/EVEN PARKING.**

Except when necessary to avoid a conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law, or at the direction of a public safety officer or traffic control device, no person shall park a vehicle on or along the side of any street, within the City, with odd building numbers on an even numbered date of the month, or the side of any street in the City with even building numbers on an odd-numbered date of the month, during the months of December thru March, inclusive, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., provided that this section shall not apply to that portion of any street marked or posted, on either or both sides, with permanent parking prohibitions.

**Section 4: Amendment**

That Part Four, Chapter 440, Section 440.99 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia is amended to read as follows:

**440.99 CIVIL INFRACTION; IMPOUNDING.**

(a) Civil Infraction. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be liable for a civil infraction, for which the fines shall be as follows:

- (1) \$15.00 if said fine is paid within 3 calendar days of issuance of the citation; or
- (2) \$30.00 if said fine is paid between 4 calendar days and 30 calendar days of the issuance of the citation; or
- (3) \$45.00 if said fine is paid later than 30 calendar days of the issuance of the citation.

(b) Impoundment. A vehicle parked in violation of this Chapter is hereby declared to be a nuisance that may be abated by any person authorized by this Code to enforce this Chapter by removing or causing said vehicle to be removed to the vehicle pound. The owner or operator of any vehicle that has been removed to the vehicle pound may have said vehicle released by paying all parking violation penalties presently outstanding against the vehicle, and all levies and costs of towing and storage and other impoundment expenses to the City of Ionia, or the City of Ionia's towing contractor, if applicable.

(c) Impoundment of Vehicles for Failure to Pay Civil Infractions Under This Chapter. If a vehicle is unattended and the registered owner of the vehicle has six (6) or more unpaid and

outstanding civil infraction violations, all of which have been issued for a violation of this Chapter, any person authorized by this Code to enforce this Chapter may cause said vehicle to be removed to the vehicle pound. The owner or operator of any vehicle that has been removed to the vehicle pound may have said vehicle released by paying all parking violation penalties presently outstanding against the vehicle, and all levies and costs of towing and storage and other impoundment expenses to the City of Ionia, or the City of Ionia's towing contractor, if applicable. There shall be no impoundment under this subsection from any private property.

**Section 5: Repealer**

That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6: Publication and Effective Date**

The City Clerk shall cause a notice of adoption of this ordinance to be published. This ordinance shall take effect upon its, or a summary thereof as permitted by law, publication in the *Daily News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City unless otherwise provided by law.

CITY OF IONIA

Dated: August 9, 2023

Mary Patrick  
By: Mary Patrick, City Clerk

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