

CHAPTER 9

LOADING ZONES/DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE

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9-901. Intent. The intent of this chapter is to provide a uniform policy for loading and unloading zones and certain reserved parking spaces in the central business district of the City of Paris, Tennessee, where needed; to prohibit the use of loading and unloading zones as reserved parking spaces for businesses and employees or as reserved customer parking spaces for said businesses; and to provide a more adequate and efficient use of parking spaces in the downtown business district (Ord. #631, 10/3/85).

9-902. Downtown parking committee. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris shall appoint a downtown parking committee consisting of five (5) members with a term of three (3) years. The Commission shall obtain recommendations for members from the following criteria and shall accept or reject said recommendations at their discretion:

(a) One (1) board member shall be proposed by the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and shall serve an initial term of one (1) year. Thereafter, said nominee shall serve a three (3) year term at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

(b) The Downtown Business Association shall nominate two (2) members who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years. Thereafter, said nominees shall serve a three (3) year term at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

(c) One (1) consumer member and one (1) at large member shall be recommended by the city manager after consultation with the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Association. Said nominees shall serve a three (3) year term.

(d) The city recorder shall serve as an ex-officio member of the downtown parking committee and shall chair the meetings and shall have a voice in the proceedings but no vote.

The downtown parking committee shall have the power to select a time and place for meeting, any officers necessary for the efficient functioning of the committee and shall keep formal minutes of the committee proceedings which shall be filed of record in the City Business Office (Ord. #631, 10/3/85).

9-903. Duties and Responsibilities. The downtown parking committee, pursuant to 9-901, shall recommend approval or disapproval to the city manager or any applications to the committee for loading and unloading zones in the central business district; present recommendations to the city manager on the use of parking meters, including installation or removal of meters and charges therefor, in the central business district; recommend to the city manager approval or disapproval of requests for reserved residential parking, reserved handicapped parking spaces, and spaces for delivery vehicles pursuant to the provisions of this chapter (Ord. #631, 10/3/85).

9-904. Reserved spaces prohibited. There shall be no reserved spaces for personal parking or customer parking in the central business district. Provided, however:

(a) Reserved handicapped parking spaces in the central business district as designated by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Title 9-801, et seq., of the Paris Municipal Code, or required by state law.

(b) Temporary reserved spaces may be designated by the Chief of Police for maintenance, construction, renovation or improvement of building, equipment or facilities in the central business district.

(c) Temporary reserved spaces may be allowed for events that serve the general public as approved by the Chief of Police; for weddings, funerals or other special organizations, temporary reserved spaces, appropriately marked, may be used with the approval of the Chief of Police.

(d) One (1) reserved space shall be allowed for each church in the central business district for use in church business. In addition, if more than one (1) space is needed by said church as a result of public safety consideration of loading and unloading passengers during the week, then the committee may allow additional spaces for said church. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, there shall be no charge for the initial space allocated for church use (Ord. #631, 10/03/85).

(e) Any employee of the city, county, state, or federal government with a demonstrated need for a reserved parking space or a permit to allow parking for more than two (2) hours in any two (2) hour free parking space may make application to the Downtown Parking Committee for such reserved space or extending parking upon the showing of a demonstrated need for such parking privileges, and the Downtown Parking Committee shall make such investigation as they deem necessary to determine whether to grant or deny such an application (Ord. #793, 04/02/92).

9-905. Delivery zones. Delivery zones may be permitted by the committee for delivery vehicles in the central business district if the store owner can show that deliveries are required regularly and on a daily basis and are an integral part of the business' sales or services. Only those vehicles identified with visible markings of the business shall be allowed to use said delivery space. Each applying business shall be limited to one (1) pace for said vehicles unless there are unusual circumstances under the above criteria for consideration of additional spaces at the discretion of the committee (Ord. #631, 10/03/85).

9-906. Loading and unloading zones. No loading or unloading zones shall be allowed on either side of the street and around the court square. There shall be one (1) loading and unloading zone allowed to a block and said zone shall be shared by all stores so choosing located in that block with an established need as demonstrated to the committee. Criteria for need shall be limited to those stores where no rear access is available to said store, and if it is established that the loading or unloading of heavy or bulky merchandise is a routine and regular part of their business, and the absence of a loading zone would seriously handicap that business (Ord. #631, 10/03/85).

9-907. Charges for loading zones. Annual fees for loading zones under the provisions of this chapter shall be set by resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee, upon recommendation by the downtown parking committee. Said resolution shall make provisions for pro-rating the expense of said loading zone where conditions are applicable (Ord. #631, 10/03/85)

9-908. Implementation of ordinance; violations. Effective December 1, 1985, all reserved and loading zones currently in existence shall be discontinued in the central business

district and appropriate pro-rata refunds made to those currently holding permits in said district. As of the above date, the provisions of this ordinance shall be implemented and shall be in full force and effect. Any parking spaces allocated under the provisions of this chapter shall be discontinued if:

- (a) The permittee allocated said space(s) discontinues their business.
- (b) The permittee discontinues deliveries under the terms and conditions of this chapter.
- (c) The permittee is determined to be using said parking space(s) for purposes in violation of this chapter. Any said violations shall be inspected by the downtown parking committee, who shall report their findings to the city manager. Upon finding said violations to be meritorious, the city manager shall notify the offending permittee in writing of the said violation. After two (2) violations by the permittee as determined by the city manager, any subsequent violations shall be considered a misdemeanor pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 7 of the Paris Municipal Code, and, in addition, the violator's permit shall be rescinded (Ord. #631, 10/05/85).