



CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 05, 2025

CITY HALL, 1301 81ST AVE NE, SPRING LAKE PARK at 6:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - [A.](#) Parking Ordinance Discussion
- 3. REPORT**
 - A. Council and Staff Reports
- 4. ADJOURN**

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Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: May 1, 2025

Subject: Parking Ordinance Amendments

At the April 7, 2025 City Council meeting, residents from the 79th Avenue and Van Buren Street area raised concerns about parking near mailboxes, which has impacted mail delivery. In response, staff collaborated with the residents, Chief Antoine and officers from the Police Department, and USPS delivery personnel to develop a proposed ordinance that clearly defines enforcement standards.

Staff is seeking City Council feedback on the draft ordinance before placing it on a future agenda. If the Council supports the proposal, staff will schedule it for consideration at the May 19 City Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

**SPRING LAKE PARK
ORDINANCE XXX**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE SPRING LAKE PARK CODE
RELATING TO PARKING REGULATIONS**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Spring Lake Park, in the State of Minnesota, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “7.08.020 Parking Restrictions” of the Spring Lake Park Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

7.08.020 Parking Restrictions

- A. *Parking; Time Limit.* It shall be unlawful for any person to leave, park, permit, or allow any motor vehicle to stand or remain upon any city street or right-of-way for more than 24 hours at any time.
- B. *Large Trucks And Commercial Vehicles; Parking Restricted.*
 - 1. *Legislative findings.* The City Council finds that the parking of large trucks, tractors, and other commercial vehicles on the streets and rights-of-way within the city, for other than temporary parking for delivery or unloading, creates an unnecessary risk of personal injury, and often produces excessive noise.
 - 2. *Prohibition.* It is a violation of this chapter for any person to leave, park, permit, or allow any motor vehicle described below upon any public street or right-of-way:
 - a. Commercial trucks with over one ton carrying capacity;
 - b. Tractors used for hauling trailers;
 - c. Trailers (the type pulled by tractor); or
 - d. Commercial buses, except that school buses used in the transportation of children to and from school may be parked upon the street or public right-of-way between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. during the school year.
 - 3. *Exception.* Temporary parking of the above motor vehicles for delivery or unloading is excepted from this paragraph.
- C. *Property Standing On Right-Of-Way Restricted.* No property of any kind or description, except motor vehicles, together with property lawfully attached thereto, may be parked, stored, or permitted to stand upon any city street or right-of-way at any time, except as the same may be permitted by act of the City Council.
- D. *Interference With Access Prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to leave, park, or permit any motor vehicle to be parked in front of or in a manner or place so as to interfere with or hinder access by persons or vehicles to mail boxes or receptacles

therefor, or to park or permit to be parked any vehicle in a place or manner so as to obstruct or hinder access to any driveway, whether the same are public or private.

- E. *Seasonal Restrictions*. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle upon any city street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. from November 1 through March 31. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle upon any city street following a snowfall of three inches or more in depth regardless of the time of day, until such time as the snow has been plowed curb to curb.

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 2. No vehicle shall be parked within ten (10) feet of either side of a curbside

mailbox, as measured along the edge of the roadway or curb line, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, except on federal holidays when mail is not delivered. This restriction is intended to ensure unobstructed access by authorized mail delivery vehicles.

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SECTION 2: **EFFECTIVE DATE** This ordinance shall have full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SPRING LAKE PARK COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilmember Wendling	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dircks	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Moran	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Nelson	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

Robert Nelson, Mayor, Spring Lake Park

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer, Spring Lake Park