

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MARCH 10, 2020
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SUBJECT:	OVERNIGHT PARKING AND 12 HOUR PARKING LIMIT

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, this report **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Since 2001, there have been 16 reports on the issue of overnight parking.

BACKGROUND

On October 1st, 2019, Municipal Council resolved:

That Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to bring forward a report to a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee with details on potential impacts and recommendations on implementing the following changes to parking restrictions;

- a) The overnight parking program be amended to be in force from November 1st until April 30th annually;
- b) The issuing of overnight parking permits during the ban period be expanded to allow residents to purchase additional passes beyond the current 15 free uses for a fee;
- c) The current 12hr limit on occupying a specific on street non metered parking location be amended to 18 hours;

Overnight Parking

The overnight parking restriction (3 a.m.-5 a.m.) is from Labour Day weekend to Victoria Day weekend. Vehicle operators wanting to park during this time frame must register for a parking permit. A maximum of 15 free parking permits may be issued per license plate. This program was implemented in 2015. Permits are not valid on streets where overnight parking is prohibited. Occasionally, overnight parking is suspended City-wide due to significant snow events.

In 2015, at the request of Council, a pilot project was implemented extending overnight parking from September (Labour Day) to November 1st. Street checks were undertaken during this time period and approximately 22,000 vehicles were parked overnight. Parking Services also monitored complaints during this pilot project. Common complaints referenced the high volume of vehicles parked on the road resulting in driveway access constraints. The pilot project was not repeated. The following table presents the number

of overnight parking infractions over the past four years during the extended spring/fall period. An overnight parking ticket is \$40.

Overnight Parking Violations - Spring/Fall Extended Relaxation Periods

Year	Number of Tickets May 1 - May 24	Number of Tickets Sept. 1 - Nov. 1	Total Revenue
2016	1,570	5,107	\$267,080
2017	1,438	4,802	\$249,600
2018	1,394	3,983	\$215,080
2019	913	3,626	\$181,560
Total	5,315	17,518	\$913,320

In the fall of 2019, Parking Services received 526 complaints specific to overnight parking. In 2019, there were 48,450 permits issued to 20,629 vehicle plates. On average, each vehicle owner requested approximately three (2.3) permits for overnight parking.

Parking Services has considered a variety of options of regulating overnight parking. These include:

- Status Quo – leave dates as is with 15 free parking passes.
- Extend permitted period to November 1st – this pilot project was implemented in 2015 and not repeated.
- Full Year Prohibition – this is the City of Waterloo’s model with 15 parking passes per year.
- Full Year Prohibition with Paid Permits – this option would charge a fee for parking passes.
- Status Quo with Additional Passes with Fee – this option would allow for additional passes (over 15) for a fee.

There are multiple options to consider for overnight parking regulations. Based on the success of the overnight parking pass program and the ease of which a parking pass can be generated, Parking Services are not recommending any changes to the program. On average, vehicle owners requested a pass three times a year. Extensions to the overnight parking exemption period were previously undertaken via a pilot project (2015) and the program was not repeated.

12 Hour Parking Prohibition

Parking on any City street is prohibited for longer than 12 hours in the same location. This regulation is typically enforced on a complaint basis. A large number of these specific complaints pertain to derelict vehicles stored on the road. Relative to the total number of tickets issued annually (2019 – 68,920), the number of parking tickets issued for the 12 hour violation is low (2019 - 511 tickets). Several site visits are required to enforce this violation: one, to identify the beginning of the alleged violation and one to confirm the violation of beyond 12 hours. The purpose of this regulation is to ensure parking turn-over and to ensure that the volume of vehicles on the street does not become problematic. This provision is largely used to remove derelict vehicles off City streets.

A reasonable solution to the 12 hour regulation is to implement an administrative directive of issuing an initial warning in response to valid complaints. This will not apply to derelict vehicles. Civic Administration has no concerns with extending the time limit to 18 hours given the low number of complaints. This amendment can be included in the omnibus review of the Traffic and Parking By-law tentatively scheduled for a CWC meeting in Q2 2020.

CONCLUSION

Parking regulations are in place to ensure efficient use of public streets and for the purposes of public safety. No changes are recommended to the overnight parking regulations as the 15 day free parking permit is an efficient and effective solution.

An administrative directive will be issued to provide initial warnings to 12 hour on-street parking complaints for road worthy vehicles. Amending the time period to 18 hours will be included in the submission of the omnibus review of the Traffic and Parking By-law.

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