



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

# **PARKING COMMISSION**

## **Work Session**

## **PACKET**

### **November 14, 2024**

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

**Hybrid Meeting in in the Hooker Conference Room (Room #245) of City Hall and Remotely on Zoom**

**5:30 PM — 7:00 PM**

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# PARKING COMMISSION WORK SESSION

November 14, 2024, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held both in person in the Hooker Conference Room (Room #245) of City Hall at the Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana and through a virtual platform via Zoom using the following link:

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Reports from Commissioners and City Offices
- IV. Reports from the Public
- V. Discussions of Resolutions
  - A. Draft of Parking Resolution 24-05
- VI. Discussions of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions
- VII. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- VIII. Member Announcements
- IX. Commission Schedule (Regular Meeting and Work Session)
- X. Adjournment

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Next Regular Meeting: November 21, 2024, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM  
Deadline for Next Regular Meeting Packet Material: Monday, November 18, 2024

Commissioners: Stephen Volan (Chair) (Seat: C-1 Merchant), Katie Yoder (Seat: C-2 City Resident), Eoban Binder (Secretary) (Seat: C-3 City Resident), Matt Flaherty (Vice-Chairperson) (Seat: C-4 Council Ex-officio), Jackson Murphy (Seat: C-5 City Resident), Jordan Davis (Seat: M-1 Merchant), VACANT (Seat: M-2 Non-profit), Ben Dalton (Vice-chair) (Seat: M-3 City Resident), Michelle Wahl (Seat: M-4 City Staff)

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**DRAFT 1 | Parking Resolution 24-05**

**Regarding Private Surface Parking Lots in the City of Bloomington**

**WHEREAS,** the Comprehensive Plan calls for:  
-- land to be used for its highest and best value (pg. 23, 80-81),  
-- the encouragement of modes of transportation other than the automobile (pg. 67-78), and  
-- a vibrant downtown (pg. 50-57);

**WHEREAS,** the Comprehensive Plan notes that ~~a significant percentage of the city's built environment was destroyed to build surface parking between 1950 and 1975 (is this right? section number)~~ decades of transportation policy and infrastructure investments have focused on supporting motorized vehicles, which created a legacy of harmful built environment practices in the building and transportation sectors that now account for 38% of greenhouse gas emissions (pg. 45);

**WHEREAS,** the city provides a significant supply of off-street parking acquired or created at considerable cost to the taxpayer;

**WHEREAS,** Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC 20.03.020) no longer considers private surface parking lots a lawful use of land;

**WHEREAS,** the city has an interest in the redevelopment of empty lots to higher and better uses than parking;

**WHEREAS,** under Indiana statute, it is permitted to legislate a sunset date for lawful non-conforming uses;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission recommends that the Common Council take the following actions:

1. In a lot already over current maximum impervious surface coverage, as much pavement should be removed as required for the lot to conform with the regulations in effect when the previous use was eliminated;

2. Disallow surge pricing or pricing that doesn't conform with city-owned pricing of parking;
3. The offering of private parking services become a specifically disallowed use;
4. Change code to sunset current lawful nonconforming uses of private surface parking lots to (5 | 7 | 10) years;

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Bloomington Parking Commission at which two-thirds of the Members were present and voting.

We, the below-signed, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution.

X\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Parking Commission  
Steve Volan

X\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Parking Commission  
Ben Dalton