

# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date: May 18, 2021

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**Department:** Police

Subject: Ordinance #2021-06-616 Parking

### **Background Summary:**

Per City Council's direction, this ordinance provides a comprehensive update to the City's on-street parking regulations. This ordinance adopts Chapter 316, Florida Statutes by reference which contains State regulations pertaining to the parking of vehicles. Notably, the ordinance regulates the manner of parking, identifies prohibited areas where on-street parking is not allowed, prohibits the obstruction of traffic, identifies purposes for which parking is prohibited, and provides procedures for the removal of vehicles that are illegally parked in streets, ROW, and public parking areas under certain conditions. Parking in residential districts is also regulated. Please note that this ordinance does not address development-related parking regulations such as the number of vehicle spaces required for unit construction. Such regulations are part of the Land Development Code.

In addition to the parking regulations themselves, this ordinance provides comprehensive procedures regarding issuance of parking violation notices and meets due process requirements through the creation of an appeal process whereby alleged violators may contest a parking violation notice in County Court. The ordinance sets a fine schedule for parking violations and provides for disposition of civil penalties and costs. Such procedures are absent from the current Code.

#### **Recommendations:**

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance #2021-06-616 Parking

## **Attachments:**

Ordinance #2021-06-616 Parking

#### Type of Item:

	Public Hearing
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	Ordinance Second Reading
	Resolution
	Discussion & Direction
	Motion and Approval

□ Local Planning Agency

1	ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06-616
2	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3	MASCOTTE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 AND 22 OF ITS
4	CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF
5	STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC
6	ROADWAYS AND IN THE CITY; AMENDING REGULATIONS
7	REGARDING PARKING WITHIN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS;
8	PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS;
9	AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
10	WHEREAS, the City of Mascotte has broad home-rule powers to enact ordinances
11	which are not inconsistent with general or special law for the purposes of protecting the public
12	health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and
13	WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Florida has delegated to local governments
14	the authority to reasonably regulate parking "with respect to streets and highways under their
15	jurisdiction"; and
16	WHEREAS, City Council finds that the regulations set forth herein are reasonable and
17	serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mascotte, Florida.
18	NOTE: <u>Underlined words</u> constitute additions to the City of Mascotte Code of Ordinances,
19	asterisks (***) indicate an omission from the existing text which is intended to remain
20	unchanged, and strikethrough constitutes deletions from the Code of Ordinances.
21	NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
22	CITY OF MASCOTTE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:
23	<b>SECTION 1.</b> Legislative Findings and Intent. The findings set forth in the recitals in the
24	"Whereas" clauses above are hereby adopted as legislative findings pertaining to this Ordinance.
25	SECTION 2. Chapter 13, Article II – Stopping, Standing, Parking of the City of
26	Mascotte Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:
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28	ARTICLE II. – STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING
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30	<u>Sec. 13 – 13 Definitions</u>
31 32	As used in this article, words shall have the meaning indicated unless the context clearly
33	indicates otherwise:
34	Horse van: A trailer which is used for or is designed for use in carrying horses.
35	Motor vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle not operated upon rails or guideway, but
36	not including any bicycle or moped.

<u>Park</u> or <u>parking</u> means the halting of a motor vehicle otherwise than momentarily, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is occupied or in operation, and not for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or materials.

Road right-of-way or parkway means any area within a street or highway which is not open to use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic, lying outside a roadway as herein defined, or, that portion of a street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines not designated or intended for the use of pedestrians.

Roadway means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder. In the event a street or highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways, the term roadway shall refer to any such roadway separately, but not to all roads collectively.

<u>Stand</u> or <u>standing</u> means the halting of a vehicle temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or materials, regardless of whether the vehicle is in operation or occupied.

Stop or stopping means any halting, even momentarily, of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the directions of a law enforcement officer or traffic control sign or signal.

<u>Street</u> or <u>highway</u> means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

<u>Traffic control device</u> means all signs, signals, markings and devices, not inconsistent with Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

<u>Trailer</u> means any vehicle with or without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle.

<u>Vehicle</u> means every device, in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

All other definitions contained in Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, not in conflict with the definitions contained in this section shall be applicable and are incorporated by reference.

# Sec. 13-14. - State statutes adopted.

Those portions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, as now or hereinafter amended, being the State Uniform Traffic Control law, pertaining to the parking of vehicles, are hereby adopted by references as fully and to the same extent as if set out at length herein. Any violation of these statutes is considered as a violation of this chapter.

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### 78 Sec. 13-15. - Manner.

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- 80 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-81 way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and 82 within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- Except when otherwise provided by local ordinance, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked parallel to the curb or roadway, in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with its right-hand wheels within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, or its left-hand wheels within twelve (12) inches of the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- 88 (c) Upon a street which has been marked or signs erected for angle parking, a vehicle shall
  89 be parked at the angle to the curb indicated by such marking or sign, with the front of the
  90 vehicle to the curb.
  - (d) In a place where, and at a time when, stopping for the loading or unloading of merchandise or materials is permitted, a vehicle used for transportation or merchandise or materials may back into the curb to take on or discharge its load.

Sec. 13-16. - Prohibited areas.

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No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- 100 (1) On a sidewalk or in such a manner that any part of such vehicle is protruding over a sidewalk or any part of the sidewalk area;
- 102 (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- 103 (3) Within an intersection;
- 104 (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
- 105 (5) On a crosswalk;
- 106 (6) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, unless permitted to do so by a zone or device established in such area;
- 108 (7) Within thirty (30) feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign or other traffic control device 109 or signal located at the side of the roadway;
- 110 (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the
  111 curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is
  112 indicated by signs or markings;
- 113 (9) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- 114 (10) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of the street opposite and within seventy-five (75) feet thereof, if indicated by a sign;
- 116 (11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, 117 standing, or parking would obstruct traffic or emergency vehicles;

- 118 (12) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopping or parked at the edge or curb of street or
  119 on the roadway end of any vehicle parked at an angle to the curb or street edge,
  120 except commercial vehicles engaged in loading or unloading, known as double
  121 parking;
- 122 (13) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;
- 123 (14) At any place where official traffic control devices prohibit stopping or parking;
- 124 (15) In a road right-of-way or parkway other than under emergency conditions;
- 125 (16) Within any officially designated fire lane on public or private property;
  - (17) On any railroad tracks;

- In any designated public parking space located on city owned or leased property or on private property that is specifically designated for physically disabled persons in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 316.1955, unless such person is a disabled person as defined in Section 316.1955 and the vehicle displays a valid parking permit or license plate in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, or unless such person is momentarily parking in such parking space for the purpose of unloading or loading a disabled person;
  - (19) On a bicycle path or lane;
  - (20) In a roadway, right-of-way or parkway, or in any city owned or leased property, unless the vehicle is licensed in the name of the owner thereof in accordance with the laws of this state unless such vehicle is not required by the laws of this state to be licensed in this state and shall, except as otherwise provided in Florida Statutes 320.0706 for front-end registration license plates on truck tractors, display the license plate or both of the license plates assigned to it by the state;
  - (21) At any place in such a manner as to block access to commercial refuse containers by authorized refuse removal equipment;
  - (22) Alongside any curb which has been painted yellow unless specifically permitted by appropriate signs or devices posted by the city;
  - (23) In any city park or city recreation facility except where specifically permitted by an official sign and, if so permitted, only for the purpose of, and during the time of, visiting or using the park or recreation facility where such parking is provided.
  - (24) A trailer, whether attached to a vehicle or unattached to a vehicle, shall not be parked on a public street between sunset and sunrise unless such trailer is specifically permitted to be parked in such a manner pursuant to a valid special event permit.
  - (25) In a manner that obstructs public safety vehicles from accessing or traveling on any roadway or accessing a public or private driveway.

Sec. 13-17. - Obstructing traffic prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in a street in such a manner or under conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a driver may stop temporarily, if not in a school safety

zone, during the actual loading and unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to a traffic regulation, or a traffic sign or signal, or a police officer. A driver may only stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers when in a designated school drop-off zone.

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Sec. 13-18. - Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

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- (a) If a vehicle is parked in violation of F.S. 316.1951, addressing parking for the principal purpose and intent of displaying the motor vehicle for sale, hire, or rental, a law enforcement officer may issue a parking violation notice and cause it to be immediately removed at the owner's expense. The owner in violation of this provision shall be assessed a penalty as provided in F.S. 318.18(21). A motor vehicle removed under this section shall not be released from an impound or towing and storage facility before a release form prescribed by the department has been completed verifying that the fine has been paid to the government agency or authority that ordered immediate removal of the motor vehicle. However, the owner may pay towing and storage charges to the towing and storage facility pursuant to F.S. 713.78 before payment of the fine or before the release form has been completed.
- 177 (b) No person shall stand or park a vehicle on any public street, or right-of-way thereof, or on 178 a public parking lot, or other public property, for the principal purpose of:
- 179 (1) Painting, greasing, or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
  - (2) Washing or polishing such vehicle or any part, thereof;
- 182 (3) Displaying advertising;
- 183 (4) Selling merchandise from the vehicle, except in a duly established marketplace or when so authorized or licensed under this code or other city ordinances.

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Sec. 13-19. - Unlawful moving of vehicle.

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No person shall move, or cause to be moved, any vehicle not lawfully under his control into any prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful.

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Sec. 13-20. - Stopping, standing or parking in more than one space.

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- 193 (a) Any person who stops, stands or parks a vehicle in more than one space allotted for
  194 stopping, standing or parking shall pay the appropriate fees or fines for the number of
  195 spaces utilized.
- 196 (b) Separate parking violation notices will be issued for each space.

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198 <u>Sec. 13-21. - Unattended motor vehicle.</u>

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(a) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition or transmission, or when standing

- 202 <u>upon any perceptible grade without effectively setting the brake thereon and turning the</u> 203 front wheels to the curb or side of the street.
  - (b) Whenever any motor vehicle standing unattended with the key in the ignition is found in violation of this section, a police officer or is authorized to remove such key from such vehicle and to post a notice in such vehicle stating where the key may be recovered.

## Sec. 13-22. - Removal and impounding of vehicles; conditions.

The police department is hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed, by any towing service authorized by the city, any vehicle from any street, road right-of-way, parkway, or other public parking area to a safe place of storage at the cost of the owner under the following circumstances;

- (1) When any vehicle is parked in violation of any provision of this chapter which prohibits the parking of vehicles at the place where or at the time when the vehicle is found.
- (2) When any vehicle, the continued presence of which, because of the physical location or condition of the vehicles, poses a danger to the public safety or to the motor vehicle.
- (3) When any vehicle is left unattended upon any street for any period of time longer than twenty-four (24) hours in the a non-residential district and forty-eight (48) hours in any residential district. The words "unattended vehicle" as used in this subsection shall mean a vehicle not owned by or in possession of the owner or legal occupant of the property adjacent to the right-of-way upon which the vehicle is parked.
- (4) When a vehicle upon a street or right-of-way is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic, or the person in charge of the vehicle is, by reasons of physical injury or condition, incapacitated to such extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.
- (5) When any vehicle is a stolen vehicle, or is subject to seizure and forfeiture under the laws of this state, or of the United States, or is subject to being held for use as evidence in a criminal trial.
- (6) When any vehicle is parked on any city owned or leased parking facility or area designated for use in connection with the City Hall or other municipal property in violation of the posted signs and time permitted uses.
- (7) When any vehicle, on at least two (2) prior occasions occurring within any twelvemonth period, has been found stopped, standing, or parked in any place within the city limits in violation of this article and whose registered owner has failed or refused to respond to prior parking violation notices for such offenses, and shall be again found parked in any place within the city limits in violation of any provisions of this article. Release of the vehicle shall only be permitted upon payment of outstanding civil penalties, fees, and other related costs.
- (8) When any vehicle is parked in a location which interferes with the passage of public safety vehicles.

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Sec. 13-23. – Parking in Residential Districts.

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- (a) No person shall park any vehicle over ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross weight, except for the purpose of loading and unloading, upon any of the streets in the city in those sections of the city zoned single- or multiple-family dwelling.
- 253 (b) It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, operator or person in charge of any truck or
  254 other commercial vehicle, boat, boat trailer or horse van to park, stop, store or keep same
  255 on any public street, avenue, alley or other thoroughfare, or any right-of-way therewith
  256 within any residential district in the city for a period exceeding one (1) hour in any
  257 twenty-four-hour period. Each such period shall commence at the time of first stopping or
  258 parking, unless a permit is first obtained from the police department of the city.
- 259 (c) Delivery and construction vehicles; emergency repairs.
  - (1) The restrictions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not apply to the temporary parking of such vehicles in residential districts whereon construction is underway and the vehicle is performing a role in the construction process, for which a current and valid building permit has been issued by the city and such permit is properly displayed on the premises.
  - (2) The restrictions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not apply to a situation where such vehicle becomes disabled and as a result of such emergency is required to be parked within a residential district for longer than one (1) hour. However, such vehicle shall be removed from the residential district within twenty-four (24) hours by wrecker towing, if necessary, regardless of the nature of the emergency.
- The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section prohibiting the parking of buses in residential district of the city shall not apply to public and private school buses, including church school buses.
- 273 (e) The chief of police of the city, or his duly authorized designee, may issue, upon proper application therefor by the owner, or his authorized representative, to the police department, a permit extending the parking time limits set forth in paragraph (b) of this section up to, but not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours upon establishing that such permit is requested in good faith for a reasonable cause shown or demonstrated to the chief of police, or his designee, and not for the purpose of avoiding the intent or objectives of this section.

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Secs. 13-24—13-25. - Reserved.

- Sec. 13-26. Parking on certain portion of Barry Street.
- The dedicated road right-of-way of Barry Street lying south of the north right-of-way line of Mohawk Street and north of the north right-of-way line of State Highway 50 are hereby

designated and established as no-parking areas. Vehicular parking within the area described, designated and established above is prohibited.

Sec. 13-27. - Parking on certain portion of Myers Boulevard (State Highway 50).

The dedicated road right-of-way of Myers Boulevard, also known as State Highway 50, lying east of the east right-of-way line of Barry Street and west of the west right-of-way line of Talbot Avenue is hereby designated and established as a no-parking area. Vehicular parking within the no-parking area described, designated and established above is prohibited.

- Sec. 13-28. Placement of traffic-control signs.
  - (a) The public works department of the city, under the direction of the city police department, is hereby authorized and directed to post the area as designated, established and described in sections 13-26 and 13-27 by the placement of appropriate "no-parking" official traffic-control signs at such specific locations and places as might be deemed necessary to assure proper public notice.
  - (b) The police department is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this section in accordance with the traffic control laws of the state.

Sec. 13-29. - Liability for payment of parking violation notice.

Under authority of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, the owner of a vehicle is responsible and liable for payment of any parking violation under this chapter unless the owner can furnish evidence that the vehicle was, at the time of the parking violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person. In such instances, the owner of the vehicle is required, within a reasonable time after notification of the parking violation, to furnish to the Mascotte Police Department, the name and address of the person or company who leased, rented, or otherwise had the care, custody, or control of the vehicle. The owner of a vehicle is not responsible for parking violations if the vehicle involved was, at the time, stolen or in the care, custody, or control of some person who did not have permission of the owner to use the vehicle. Prima facie evidence that the vehicle involved was, at the time, stolen or in the care, custody, or control of some person who did not have permission of the owner to use the vehicle, shall be in the form of a report from the appropriate law enforcement official that the said vehicle was not under the care, custody, or control of the owner of the vehicle.

# Sec. 13-30. - Notice on illegally parked vehicle.

When any vehicle without a driver is found parked, stopped, or standing in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by ordinance of this city or by state law, the officer finding such a vehicle shall take its license tag number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a parking violation notice, on a form provided by the city for the driver/owner to pay the civil penalty specified or answer to the charge against him within five (5) calendar days during the hours and at a place specified in the notice. The envelope portion of the notice will be torn off and placed

under the windshield wiper of the vehicle and the original parking violation notice shall be turned into the traffic violations division by the officer.

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## Sec. 13-31. - Issuance of parking violation notices

- (a) When any law enforcement officer with jurisdiction in the city finds a vehicle in violation of a restriction in this chapter, he shall issue a parking violation notice to the owner of the vehicle by placing the parking violation notice in a conspicuous place on the vehicle.

  Such parking violation notice form shall contain language providing notice of the following, at a minimum:
- (1) The type of violation and amount of penalty imposed by this chapter.
- 342 (2) Make or style, and color of the vehicle, its license plate number, state of tag, and year of vehicle, if available.
- The procedures to be followed in either paying the penalty or, in the alternative, to contest the parking violation notice.
  - (4) The number of days allowed to pay the penalty.
- 347 (5) The name and address of the issuing agency.
  - (6) Date and time of issuance.
- 349 (7) Issuing officer's signature.

- 551 (b) Each day that a parking violation occurs constitutes a separate offense for which a parking violation notice may be issued.
  - Pursuant to general law, the owner of a vehicle is responsible and liable for payment of any parking violation notice unless the owner can furnish evidence that the vehicle was, at the time of the parking violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person. In such instances, the owner of the vehicle is required, within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the parking violation notification, to furnish to the police department, an affidavit setting forth the name, address, and Driver's License number of the person who leased, rented or otherwise had the care, custody, or control of the vehicle. In the event the vehicle was not in the custody of the owner due to theft, the owner of the vehicle is required within such thirty days to furnish to the police department an affidavit that the vehicle was stolen together with a stolen vehicle police report. The affidavits submitted pursuant to this section shall be admissible in a proceeding charging a parking violation to the person who had care, custody or control of the vehicle and shall raise a rebuttable presumption that the person identified in the affidavit is responsible for payment of the parking violation notice.

The following civil penalties shall be imposed upon the owner of any motor vehicle found to be in violation of the following sections of this chapter:

372	<u>Violation</u>	Amount of Civil Penalty	
373	Parking where prohibited	35.00	
374	Improper parking	35.00	
375	Parking after hours	35.00	
376	Left wheels to curb	35.00	
377	Obstructing traffic	35.00	
378	Unauthorized parking in disabled spa	ace 250.00	
379	Parking in a fire lane	100.00	
380	Parking on sidewalk	35.00	
381	Blocking driveway	35.00	
382	Parking within 15 feet of fire hydran	t 35.00	
383	Unlicensed vehicle	35.00	
384	Parking over the line	35.00	
385	Parking on parkway or right-of-way	35.00	
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Sec. 13-33. – Payment of Fine; Appearance to Contest Parking Violation Notice in County Court.

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- (a) Any person cited for a violation of this chapter may pay the civil penalty for a noncriminal violation as provided in Sec. 13-32 of this section in lieu of a court appearance as follows:
  - (1) Any person cited shall pay the civil penalty within 30 calendar days from the date the parking violation notice was issued. Except for a violation of section 13-16(18), for second or subsequent violations within 365 days of the initial violation, the fine is doubled.
  - (2) Fines shall be paid to the city clerk during regular business hours.
- 400 (3) Except for a violation of section 13-16(18), if a person cited for a violation in this
  401 chapter fails to pay the prescribed civil penalty within 30 calendar days of issuance of
  402 a parking violation notice, the amount of the civil penalty assessed shall be doubled

- 403 and the person so cited must pay the doubled civil penalty within 40 calendar days of the date of the parking violation notice.
- 405 (b) If a person cited chooses to contest the violation by appearing in county court, the person
  406 shall notify the city clerk in writing within the time period provided to pay the civil
  407 penalty. Any person requesting a hearing shall execute a statement on a form provided by
  408 the city clerk indicating his willingness to appear at such hearing at a time and place
  409 specified.
- The clerk of the court shall supply the department of highway safety and motor vehicles with a magnetically encoded computer tape reel or cartridge or send by other electronic means data which is machine readable by the installed computer system at the department, listing persons who have three or more outstanding violations, and persons who have outstanding violation of any ordinance that regulates parking in spaces designated for use by persons who have disabilities. Pursuant to F.S. § 320.03(8), a license plate or revalidation sticker may not be issued to persons on the list provided to the department until the person presents a receipt from the clerk showing that the fines outstanding have been paid.
  - (d) If the person cited fails to pay the civil penalty in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, or the person cited chooses to contest the parking violation notice, the person cited shall be required to appear at a hearing before the county court or hearing officer. At the hearing the city and the person cited may provide testimony and other evidence relating to the violation. The county court judge or hearing officer will determine whether or not the person cited committed the violation contained in the parking violation notice. If the person cited is found in violation, except a violation of section 13-16(18), the county court judge or hearing officer shall require the person cited to pay a civil penalty not less than the penalty provided in this section, court costs, and costs incurred by the city to prosecute the violation. If the person cited is found not to be in violation, no costs or penalty shall be imposed.

### Sec. 13-34. Court appearance.

- (a) In the event that payment is not received or a written request for a hearing is not made within the time period provided for payment, the city shall file the parking violation notice with the clerk of the court for placement on the traffic court docket. Notice of the hearing date thereon shall be promptly provided by the clerk of the court to the owner of the vehicle in question by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 437 (b) Pursuant to F.S. § 316.1967(3), an election to request a hearing constitutes a waiver of
  438 the right to pay the penalty indicated on the parking violation notice, and the hearing
  439 official, after the hearing and upon making a determination that a violation has been
  440 committed, may impose a civil penalty not less than the penalty provided in section 13441 32, nor more than \$100.00 for each violation except a violation of section 13-16(18), plus
  442 city costs incurred to prosecute the violations and court costs for each violation.

All fines, penalties, and costs collected upon conviction or payment of designated civil penalty by any person so charged with a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be paid in the city treasury and deposited in the general fund of the City of Mascotte, except that 25% of each fine or penalty sum collected shall be allocated to training for city police officers or police community outreach efforts per discretion of the City Manager.

Sec. 13-36. - Failure to obey notice; alteration or destruction of notice prohibited.

(a) The registered owner of a motor vehicle who willfully neglects to answer to the charge set forth in a parking violation notice affixed to such motor vehicle by an officer or served on an individual shall be held to have violated this chapter.

The parking violations notice referred to in subsection (a) of this section is and shall remain the property of the City of Mascotte before and after the serving, delivery or affixing thereof and is and shall be considered an integral part of the police department.

All persons receiving any such notice in writing, whether by personal service or by affixing the same to a motor vehicle, shall be and are hereby required to preserve such notice and to bring and present or otherwise transmit the same to the traffic violations division when answering the charge set forth in such notice.

- 463 (c) No person, whether the recipient thereof or otherwise, shall willfully throw away, alter,
  464 mar, mutilate, destroy or discard the written notice of the city described in subsection (a)
  465 of this section.
  - (d) No person finding affixed to any vehicle the written notice of the city described in subsection (a) of this section, whether the person be the owner, operator or driver of, a passenger in, the vehicle to which same is affixed, shall willfully throw away, alter, mar, mutilate, destroy or discard the written notice of the city so found affixed to such a vehicle.
  - (e) No person not being the owner or having charge of and operating or driving a vehicle, to which may be found affixed the written notice of the city described in subsection (a) of this section, shall willfully remove, take away, throw away, mar, alter, mutilate, destroy or discard any such written notice so affixed, nor shall any person receive any such notice from another for the purpose of so mutilating or destroying such notice or for the purpose of constituting himself the agent of the recipient for any purpose other than the proper and lawful adjustment, at the traffic violations division.
  - (f) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to an additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the person cited with this violation wishes to contest this additional fine, the person may request a hearing in county court within thirty (30) days. If a person charged under this section fails to pay the fine or request a hearing within thirty (30) days, the City may file charges against said offender as a city ordinance violation in the Lake County Clerk of Court to be treated as a second degree misdemeanor.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 22, Section 22-6 of the City of Mascotte Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 22-6. - Parking regulations in residential districts.

The following regulations shall apply to all residential districts as defined and designated on the official zoning map of the city.

490 (a) Definitions.

- (1) Boat trailer: A trailer which is used for or is designed for use in carrying boats.
  - (2) Capacity: The maximum weight of the land which is designed to safely carry or in the case of tractors or other towing vehicles, the maximum weight of the load which such vehicle is designed to safely tow. The capacity of a vehicle shall be that designated by the manufacturer of the vehicle or that designated by the state department of motor vehicles for the issuance of a license plate for such vehicle, whichever is the lesser.
  - (3) Commercial vehicle: Every vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, including buses used for the transportation of person, whether or not such buses are for hire.
  - (4) Horse van: A trailer which is used for or is designed for use in carrying horses.
- (b) Motor vehicles prohibited or restricted in residential districts. It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, operator or person in charge of any truck or other commercial vehicle, boat, boat trailer or horse van to park, stop, store or keep same on any public street, avenue, alley or other thoroughfare, or any right-of-way therewith within any residential district in the city for a period exceeding one (1) hour in any twenty-four-hour period. Each such period shall commence at the time of first stopping or parking, unless a permit is first obtained from the police department of the city.
- (c) Delivery and construction vehicles; emergency repairs.
  - (1) The restrictions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not apply to the temporary parking of such vehicles on private property in residential districts whereon construction is underway, for which a current and valid building permit has been issued by the city and such permit is properly displayed on the premises.
  - (2) The restrictions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not apply to a situation where such vehicle becomes disabled and as a result of such emergency is required to be parked within a residential district for longer than one (1) hour. However, such vehicle shall be removed from the residential district within twenty-four (24) hours by wrecker towing, if necessary, regardless of the nature of the emergency.
- 519 (d) (b) *Permissive parking.* 
  - (1) A panel, pickup or similar type of truck or commercial vehicle of not more than one-and-one-half ton rated capacity may be parked on a plot in a residential district. However, such vehicle must be used by a resident of the premises and there shall be no more than one (1) such truck to each plot.
  - (2) The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section prohibiting the parking of buses in residential district of the city shall not apply to public and private school buses, including church school buses.

- (3) (2) Major recreational equipment other than boats and boat trailers, including, but not limited to, recreational vehicles, motor homes, recreational trailers, travel trailers, camper trailers, pickup trailers or coaches, topper camper, and slide out campers, shall not be parked, kept or maintained within any front yard of premises in a residential zone; however, any such major recreational equipment other than boats and boat trailers may be parked in the side yard behind the front building line or in the rear yard of premises in a residential district; provided that:
  - a. Said equipment is owned by the owner or occupant of the property upon which said equipment is stored for the personal use of such owner or occupant rather than for rent or hire.
  - b. Said equipment is not used for residential, office or commercial purposes while so parked or stored.
  - c. Said equipment is not used for sleeping, housekeeping or living quarters while so parked or stored.
  - d. Said equipment is located or stored to the rear of the front building line and on corner lots behind the side building line or is located in a garage or carport.
  - e. Said equipment is not located or stored on any part of any road right-of-way.
  - f. Said equipment must be located on the property of an established residence and may not be parked or stored on vacant residential property.
  - g. Said equipment may not be connected or hooked up to water or electricity, except for purposes of filling water tanks and recharging battery systems, while parked or stored on the premises.
  - h. Said equipment is parked on an improved parking surface which shall consist of asphalt, crushed stone, crushed shell, paving bricks or other such nonconcrete improvements which would render the parking surface sufficiently dust free. No such improved parking surface will be deemed to constitute a "structure" which is prohibited within a side yard setback area.
  - i. Nor more than one (1) recreational vehicle shall be stored on or located within any one lot or parcel of land in a residential district. Major recreational equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours during loading or unloading. Major recreational equipment may be parked in a driveway in the front yard of premises in a residential district for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) continuous hours during any one (1) period of thirty (30) consecutive days if the person in possession and control thereof is a visitor of the owner or occupant of the residential premises during the entire period of parking, and the equipment is not parked within five (5) feet of a right-of-way line of any public road or street.

## (4) (3) Boats and boat trailers:

a. Exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in length. No boat exceeding twenty-two (22) feet overall in length, or boat trailer capable of carrying a boat exceeding twenty-two (22) feet overall in length shall be parked or kept on premises in a

Not exceeding twenty-two (22) in length. Boats not exceeding twenty-two (22) 572 feet overall in length, and boat trailers designed to carry a boat not exceeding 573 twenty-two (22) feet overall in length, shall not be parked or kept in the front 574 or side yard of premises in a residential zone except under the following 575 conditions and restrictions: 576 The boat or boat trailer must be parked on a concrete or paved driveway 577 or surface, and in no event shall any such boat or boat trailer be allowed to 578 encroach on a street or thoroughfare. 579 The boat or boat trailer shall not be parked on any premises so as to 580 2. 581 impair or obstruct the visibility or line of sight of the operator of any motor vehicle traveling upon any street or thoroughfare. 582 583 All open and interior areas of the boat must be kept covered with an opaque cover of canvas, nylon, plastic or similar sturdy material securely 584 fastened to the boat in such a manner as to effectively prevent ready or 585 easy access into the boat by children under ten (10) years of age, and so as 586 to prevent visibility into the interior of the boat by persons traveling on 587 public property. "Open and interior areas of the boat" shall mean areas of 588 the boat, other than decks and exterior walkways, designed to be occupied 589 by passengers and operators of the boat. 590 591 4. The boat must bear a current and valid state registration number and decal. 592 593 5. The boat trailer must bear a current and valid state license plate. The boat must be used primarily for recreational purposes. 594 6. The boat and boat trailer must be kept and maintained in a reasonably neat 595 596 and clean appearance so as not to be or become a eyesore detracting from the aesthetic quality of the premises and neighborhood. 597 (e) (c) Enforcement. 598 Nothing contained in paragraph (b) of this section permitting the parking of one (1) 599 (1) truck-type vehicle, one-and-one-half-ton rated capacity or less on a plot in a 600 residential district shall be considered permission to engage in any type of 601 commercial activities from any location within a residential district unless otherwise 602 permitted by the City's Municipal Code. 603 (2) The chief of police of the city, or his duly authorized designee, may issue, upon proper 604 application therefor by the owner, or his authorized representative, to the police 605 department, a permit extending the parking time limits set forth in paragraph (b) of 606 this section up to, but not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours upon establishing that 607 such permit is requested in good faith for a reasonable cause shown or demonstrated 608 to the chief of police, or his designee, and not for the purpose of avoiding the intent or 609 objectives of this section. 610

residential zone except in the rear yard of such premises, or in the side yard of

such premises if parked or kept within a garage or other opaque structure

enclosed on at least three (3) sides.

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- (3) (2) This section is primarily for the purpose of protecting the residential property in the city against the lingering presence of commercial vehicle and the protection of property values in such districts. Therefore, any provisions of this chapter or any other ordinance of the city of laws of the State of Florida providing for the regulation of motor vehicles or for purposes of zoning, imposes more stringent requirements, regulations, restrictions or limitations that are imposed or required by the provisions of this section, then the more stringent requirements, regulations, restrictions or limitations shall apply.
  - (4) (3) The nonconforming use provisions of the City of Mascotte Zoning Ordinance shall not apply to this section.
  - (5) (4) This section shall not be construed as authorizing trucks to utilize any street or other public thoroughfare of the city over which such vehicular traffic is now or hereafter prohibited by the provisions of this chapter or any other ordinance or lawful order of the police department.
  - (6) (5) Any violation of this section shall constitute an offense against the city punishable upon conviction by fine or imprisonment or both, not exceeding the minimum penalty prescribed by city ordinance. In addition to the punishment hereinabove authorized, or as an alternate thereto, the provisions of this section may be enforced through the powers and authority of the city council.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**. If any section, sentence, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Ordinance not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional.

- **SECTION 5. CODIFICATION**. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of Mascotte that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified. The codifier is granted broad and liberal authority in renumbering and codifying the provision of this Ordinance; article and section numbers assigned throughout are suggested by the City.
- 640 <u>SECTION 6.</u> CONFLICTS. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- 642 <u>SECTION 7.</u> EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascotte, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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649		Mike Sykes, Mayor	
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652	Stephanie Abrams, City Clerk		