

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20-TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I-IN GENERAL SECTION 20-4.1.- RESIDENT ONLY PARKING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, PERTAINING TO PARKING AREAS DESIGNATED FOR RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF RESIDENT ONLY PARKING SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, research of parking spaces within the Waterfront District revealed there are 253 parking spaces designated for Resident Only parking; and

WHEREAS, finding a parking space has proved difficult for visitors during event days and holidays; and

WHEREAS, City Council is desirous of removing the signs designating Resident Only parking areas located west of Beach Boulevard to create more parking for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Section 20-4.1 of Chapter 20, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, pertaining to resident only parking, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 20-4.1. - Resident only parking.

- (a) The city council may establish parking areas within the city for use of residents of the city only.
- (b) The city manager, or his or her designee, shall issue up to two (2) yearly resident decals per household when presented with proof of residence on any road or public parking area designated pursuant to this section. Proof of residence shall consist of a current vehicle registration, current driver's license, current voter registration card or current utility bill showing a city address for public parking areas or roads designated for all residents of the city, and showing an address on the portion of the designated road for parking on roads designated for parking for residents living on said road.
- (c) The annual fee, if any, for decals issued pursuant to this section, shall be established by the city council and the decal shall be valid through September 30 of each year.
- (d) No motor vehicles without a current resident decal issued pursuant to this section and affixed to the rear window thereof, shall be permitted to park or stand in the areas designated pursuant to this section. Any person who owns, leases or has

possession of any vehicle in violation of this section shall be subject to the payment of a fine as provided in this chapter.

(e) ~~The following parking areas are hereby designated for residents of the portion of the road hereafter provided only and require permits at the times hereafter provided:~~

~~(1) 54th Street South between Gulfport Boulevard South and 25th Avenue South—Permit required at all times;~~

~~(2) 56th Street South between 29th Avenue South and Shore Boulevard South—Permit required from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day;~~

~~(3) 57th Street South between 29th Avenue South and Shore Boulevard South—Permit required from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day;~~

~~(4) Clinton Street South between 29th Avenue South and Shore Boulevard South—Permit required from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day; and~~

~~(5) Dupont Street South between 29th Avenue and Shore Boulevard South—Permit required from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.~~

(f) The city manager, or his or her designee, shall have such signs erected or removed as deemed necessary to enforce this section.

Section 2.

All Resident Only signs shall be removed by the City for the following locations:

1. 54th Street South between Gulfport Boulevard South and 25th Avenue South
2. 56th Street South between 29th Avenue South and Shore Boulevard South
3. 57th Street South between 29th Avenue South and Shore Boulevard South
4. Clinton Street South between 29th Avenue South and Shore Boulevard South
5. Dupont Street South between 29th Avenue and Shore Boulevard South

Section 3.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

Section 5.

The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City Code of Ordinances, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered and codified to accomplish this end.

Section 6.

If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such part or parts shall be severable, and the remaining part or parts shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Karen Love, Mayor

FIRST READING : May 19, 2026
PUBLISHED : _____
SECOND READING/
PUBLIC HEARING : _____

I, Theresa M. Carrico, City Clerk of the City of Gulfport, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of law and the City Charter this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Theresa M. Carrico, City Clerk