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Date: March 29, 2022

To: All Staff

From: Michael Beard, Building Official *MB*
Kristina Ramirez, Planning Director *KAR 3/29/22*

Re: Memorandum – Parking in the Grass Clarification

Please see the attached chart/table which is to serve as a clarification to the current parking in residential yards ordinance. Ordinance 155.069. Parking in Yards in Residential Areas.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Beard or Kristina Ramirez.

Thank you

This chart is to serve as clarification for ordinance §155.069 Parking in Residential Yards.

CONDITION	MATERIAL TYPE						
	Concrete	Asphalt	Crushed Granite	Concrete Blocks	Gravel	Connection to Street or alley with concrete or asphalt.	Connection to street or alley with compacted soil (without ruts or tracking of material into ROW)
Existing Parking Space(s)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Required Parking Space(s)	X	X				X	
Existing Driveway	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Driveway	X	X				X	
Additional Parking Space	X	X	X	X		X	

DEFINITIONS:

DRIVEWAY APPROACH means the portion of the private driveway that connects the public roadway or curb line to the public sidewalk or ROW line.

DRIVEWAY means a road leading from a public road or alley to a parking space or house.

EXISTING PARKING SPACE means a clearly defined area where the soil has been compacted due to extended use so as not to create ruts when parked upon in wet weather **and** which is surfaced with gravel, **provided** said conditions existed prior to the effective date of this prohibition. (10/01/2021)

EXISTING DRIVEWAY means a clearly defined area where the soil has been compacted due to extended use so as not to create ruts when driven upon in wet weather **and** is used to access an existing parking space, **provided** said conditions existed prior to the effective date of this prohibition (10/01/2021)

PARKING SPACE means a clearly defined area enclosed or unenclosed containing not less than 9 feet x 20 feet for single family dwelling unit and not less than 160 square foot for all other.

REQUIRED PARKING SPACE means the required number in spaces identified in §155.069 & Table 21-D.

ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE means any parking space in addition to the Required Parking Spaces.

EXCEPTION:

1. Per §155.061(T), Residential properties that are **over one acre** in size **and** whose **existing parking space is not visible from public right-of-way** are **not** required to have an all-weather surface driveway connecting the existing parking space to a public street or alley, **provided** that they have an all-weather surface driveway approach from the public street or alley to the property line and that their existing parking space meets the other requirements.
2. Per §155.061(G), all required parking facilities shall be maintained for the duration of the use requiring such areas. If the Owner fails to maintain the Existing Parking Spaces then the Parking Spaces must come into compliance as a new Required Parking Space, Driveway, and/or Additional Parking Space.