

**Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code regarding loading zones, commercial vehicles, passenger loading and unloading, and adjusting a portion of the Corpus Christi International Airport short-term parking rate.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53 Traffic, Article I In General, Section 53-2 Definitions, is revised to amend the definition of commercial vehicle and loading zone.

“Sec. 53-2. - Definitions.

*Commercial vehicle:* Any motor vehicle (other than a motorcycle) designed or constructed for the transportation and delivery or pick up of heavy or bulky materials, and having the name of the firm ~~permanently~~ affixed, painted or inscribed on both sides of the vehicle in letters at least two (2) inches high. The use of magnetic or static cling vinyl ~~any temporary or easily removed~~ signs for firm identification will ~~not~~ be permitted.

*Loading zone:* The space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of ~~commercial~~ vehicles during ~~the~~ loading and unloading ~~of materials.~~”

**SECTION 2.** City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53 Traffic, Article III Enforcement and Compliance, Division 2 Penalties and Impoundment, Section 53-55 Penalties, civil fine and administrative fee, subsection (c) is revised to remove the category and fine assessment for noncommercial use of loading zone.

“Sec. 53-55. – Penalties, civil fine, and administrative fee.

(c) Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person found liable of a violation of any of the following categories shall be punished by a civil fine and administrative fee of not less than thirty dollars (\$30.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00); provided, however, if the fine or fee prescribed in this subsection is not paid or an appearance is made in the office of administrative hearings within ten (10) days of the date of the alleged violation, then and in that event, said fine or fee shall not be less than forty dollars (\$40.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The categories and fine assessments shall apply as follows:

	Category		Early Payment Fine	Standard Fine
Illegal zones:				
	(1)	Loading zone (time extension)	\$30.00	\$40.00
	(2)	Loading zone ( <del>Noncommercial</del> )	\$30.00	\$40.00

		<u>Unauthorized</u> use)		
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**SECTION 3.** City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53 Traffic, Article VI Standing and Parking, Division 2 Loading and Unloading is revised as follows:

“Sec. 53-160. – Authority to designate ~~curb~~ loading zones.

The city manager, or city traffic engineer ~~such officers or employees of the city designated by the city manager,~~ is hereby authorized to determine the location of ~~curb~~ loading zones and shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating may state the hours during which the provisions of this division are applicable, ~~where, in his opinion, the~~ The dimensions of the streets and sidewalks, the flow of traffic, ~~and the use of property abutting the streets, are such that he finds it to be necessary for~~ the free flow and expeditious handling of traffic, and the safety of person and property shall be considered when designating loading zones. If no hours are stated on the signs, the provisions of this division are applicable 24 hours per day.

~~Sec. 53-161. — Permits for loading and unloading at an angle to the curb.~~

~~— The city manager, or such officers or employees of the city designated by the city manager, is authorized to issue special permits to permit the backing of a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or materials subject to the terms and conditions of such permit. Such permits may be issued either to the owner or lessee of real property or to the owner of the vehicle and shall grant to such person the privilege as therein stated and authorized herein, and it shall be unlawful for any permittee or other person to violate any of the special terms or conditions of any such permit.~~

Sec. 53-161. – Reserved.

Sec. 53-162. – Standing in ~~curb~~ loading zones loading or unloading passengers.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time than as provided in section 53-163, except for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, in any place marked as a ~~curb~~ loading zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such ~~curb~~ loading zones are effective and then only for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Sec. 53-163. - Standing or parking in ~~commercial~~ loading zones; restrictions.

No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle in any ~~commercial~~ loading zone on any of the streets of the city except as provided below:

- (1) Commercial vehicles loading, unloading, delivering or picking up freight or parcel materials shall be permitted to park in ~~commercial~~ loading zones for a

period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 ~~p.m.~~ (except on Sundays), and as specified by appropriate ~~sign~~signing indicating the same.

- (2) At special ~~commercial~~ loading zone locations designated by the city manager ~~or city traffic engineer, or such officers or employees of the city designated by the city manager,~~ by the placement of specifically worded signing, ~~commercial~~ loading zones may be restricted as follows:
  - a. Loading, unloading, delivery or picking up of freight or parcel materials shall be restricted to "~~commercial-licensed~~" (i.e., ~~truck-licensed~~) commercial vehicles only. No passenger ~~licensed~~ vehicles ~~nor~~ any other vehicle ~~otherwise-licensed~~ may use such specially signed ~~commercial~~ loading zones, except ~~than~~ during the hours ~~during~~ when the provisions applicable to such zones are not in effect.
  - b. There shall be unrestricted time use of specific ~~commercial~~ loading zones for loading, unloading, delivery or pickup of freight or parcel materials by commercial vehicles between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. where special signing is placed specifying this time restriction. At such ~~commercial~~ loading zones, commercial vehicles shall be permitted to park for periods not to exceed thirty (30) minutes between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and must vacate the block for a one-hour period prior to returning to the loading zone.
  - c. Loading, unloading, delivery or pickup of freight or parcel materials shall be restricted to the length of time actually engaged in such activity. All loading and unloading shall be performed in an expeditious manner and no commercial vehicle shall remain in a loading zone for a period of time greater than necessary to expeditiously load or unload, except that a reasonable time shall be allowed to secure a receipt of delivery.
  - d. Upon leaving a loading zone, a commercial vehicle must vacate the block of said loading zone or move 500 feet as measured along the curb line for a period of one hour before returning to a loading zone on the same block.
- (3) Where the construction, remodeling or maintenance of buildings requires rendering the curb space unusable, part of which includes one or more ~~commercial~~ loading zones, the contractor shall be assessed charges as per section 53-195.
- (4) Under special circumstances where construction vehicles involved in the building, construction, remodeling or maintenance must be parked in ~~commercial~~ loading zones, city manager, or such officers or employees of the city designated by the city manager, may issue permits for such privilege. A fee of three dollars (\$3.00) per day (excluding Sundays) for each construction vehicle will be charged plus a permit handling fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- (5) Noncommercial vehicles shall be permitted to park in ~~commercial~~ loading zones on Sundays, holidays, and during the hours when the provisions applicable to such zones are not in effect.
- (6) The city manager or city traffic engineer ~~such officers or employees of the city designated by the city manager~~ may designate ~~twenty-four~~24 hour ~~commercial~~ loading zone locations by the placement of specifically worded signing "24 HOUR ~~COMMERCIAL~~ LOADING ZONE". A ~~twenty-four~~24 hour ~~commercial~~ loading zone shall be restricted as follows:
  - a. Loading, unloading, delivery or picking up of freight or parcel materials shall be restricted to ~~"commercial-licensed"~~ (i.e., ~~truck-licensed~~) commercial vehicles only. No passenger-~~licensed~~ vehicles nor any other vehicle ~~otherwise licensed~~ may use such specially signed ~~twenty-four~~24 hour ~~commercial~~ loading zones."

**SECTION 4.** City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 Aviation, Article II Municipal Airports, Division 1 Generally is revised as follows:

"Sec. 9-34. - Regulation of stopping, standing or parking of vehicles and loading and unloading of passengers.

The airport manager is hereby authorized to designate, by appropriate signs, areas for public parking, and ~~he~~ is further authorized to limit or prohibit public parking, by appropriate signs, in such areas ~~as he deems~~ necessary to facilitate safety and efficiency in the operation of the Corpus Christi International Airport. ~~He shall file a copy of such designations with the city secretary, as a public record.~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle in any area except for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers where ~~such~~ parking has been prohibited or limited by the erection of appropriate traffic control devices and then only for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes. ~~proper signs in violation of any such signs.~~ The airport manager is hereby authorized to remove any vehicles that are stopped, standing or parked in violation of this section to the public parking lot at the Corpus Christi International Airport. The airport manager may also have unattended vehicles towed at the owner's expense. The airport manager, with the approval of the city traffic engineer, may designate loading zones in accordance with Chapter 53 of this Code.

Sec. 9-35. - Parking rates.

Parking rates for the public parking lots at Corpus Christi International Airport are established as follows:

- (1) *Long-term parking rates:*
  - For the first hour ..... \$1.00
  - For each additional hour thereafter ..... 1.00

Maximum with parking ticket for each twenty-four (24) hours ..... 7.00

Without/lost ticket per day or portion thereof ..... 7.00

Ten (10) per cent reduction in fees for thirty (30) or more days of parking.

Commuter monthly parking permits for flight staff of CCIA based airlines and code-sharing partners of CCIA based airlines ..... 30.00

(2) *Short-term parking rates:*

For the first 20 minutes .... No Charge

~~For~~ From 21 minutes to the first half-hour ..... 1.00

For each additional half-hour thereafter ..... 1.00

Maximum with parking ticket for each twenty-four (24) hours ..... 10.00

Without/lost ticket per day ..... 10.00

Ten (10) per cent reduction in fees for thirty (30) or more days of parking.

(3) *Covered parking rates:*

For the first hour ..... \$1.50

For each additional hour thereafter ..... 1.50

Maximum with parking ticket for each twenty-four (24) hours ..... 8.50

Without/lost ticket per day ..... 8.50

Ten (10) per cent reduction in fees for thirty (30) or more days of parking.

The ~~director of aviation~~ airport manager may waive fees for city employees on official city and airport business travel, active airport board members, elected members of the City Council, Texas House, Senate, U.S. Congress, Disabled Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and visitors conducting business at the airport.”

**SECTION 5.** If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

**SECTION 6.** Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi by publishing the caption stating the purpose of the ordinance. This ordinance to become effective upon such publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Michael Hunter	_____
Roland Barrera	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Everett Roy	_____
Paulette M. Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Gil Hernandez	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Michael Hunter	_____
Roland Barrera	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Everett Roy	_____
Paulette M. Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Gil Hernandez	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary

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Joe McComb  
Mayor