

**RESOLUTION NO. TC 52  
OF  
THE CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Approving Parking Division Actions Taken During the COVID-19 Health Crisis**

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Approving actions taken by the Director of Transportation and the Parking Manager to support curbside pickup from grocery stores and restaurants, compliance with orders to remain home, continued business operations through remote work, and to serve other purposes to mitigate COVID-19-related community and public health impacts.

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, to protect the health of employees and the public, and in conjunction with the closure of most City public-facing facilities and walk-up counters, all cashiered operations in City Parking Division garages were suspended, with garages temporarily transitioned to fully automated revenue collection; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, in an effort to mitigate COVID-19-related impacts on the community by supporting continued business operations through employees teleworking from home, facilitating curbside pickup from restaurant and grocery stores, and facilitating access to employment for essential workers, the Parking Division suspended enforcement of on-street parking meters, Residential Permit Parking Only, and 1-hour and 2-hour time limit parking restrictions in non-metered areas, through Sunday, April 5, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, pursuant to Madison General Ordinance Section 3.19, the Mayor issued an Emergency Proclamation, based on the increasing transmission of COVID-19 within the City of Madison; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, the Governor of Wisconsin issued Emergency Order #12 ordering individuals to remain home except for Essential Travel; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, April 2, 2020, the Parking Division extended the suspension of the above parking restrictions through Sunday, April 26, 2020 and expanded the suspension to include Street Sweeping restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, April 16, 2020, the Governor of Wisconsin issued Emergency Order 28, extending the Safer at Home Order until May 26, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, April 24, 2020, the Parking Division extended the suspension of on-street metered, Residential Permit Only, Street Sweeping, and 1-hour and 2-hour non-metered time limit parking restrictions through May 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation's authority to manage, operate, control, and maintain the city's transportation system is limited by M.G.O. § 33.56(5), which states that decisions related to the following items must first be approved by the Transportation Commission:

- (5) Powers and Duties. The Transportation Commission shall decide the transportation issues listed below in a manner that is consistent with the transportation policies and plans adopted by the Common Council:
  - (b) Parking
    1. Off-street parking rates;
    2. Provide recommendations to the Common Council regarding on-street parking rates.

3. Rules necessary to ensure safe and proper operation of parking facilities;
4. Revenue collection technology and systems; and
5. Other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, or Director of Transportation.

**WHEREAS**, in her Emergency Order dated March 26, 2020, the Mayor temporarily suspended the enforcement of M.G.O. § 12.122, which requires Chapter 12 restrictions on parking, stopping, or leaving a vehicle standing to apply at all times subject only to a few enumerated exceptions; and in the same Emergency Order the Mayor temporarily suspended the limitations placed on DOT authority in M.G.O. § 33.56(5) so that the DOT could take action on the above items, if necessary, to mitigate COVID-19-related community and public health impacts, subject to the caveat that any action taken pursuant to the Mayor's updated Order is later ratified by the Transportation Commission when it is able to meet; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health of employees and the public, and mitigate COVID-19-related community impacts, while continuing essential service, the following actions have been taken that, pursuant to Madison General Ordinance Section 33.56 (5), require action or approval by the Transportation Commission:

1. Suspension of cashiered operations in parking garages and transition to fully automated revenue collections;
2. Suspension of on-street meter fees and time limit restrictions; and
3. Suspension of the following non-metered parking restrictions: Street Sweeping, Residential Permit Only, and 1-hour and 2-hour time limits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Commission ratifies the following actions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic (1) Suspension of cashiered operations in parking garages and transition to fully automated revenue collections, (2) Suspension of on-street meter fees and time limit restrictions, and (3) Suspension of Street Sweeping, Residential Permit Only, and non-metered 1-hour and 2-hour time limit restrictions.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, by the City of Madison Transportation Commission.

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Ann E. Kovich, Chair  
Transportation Commission