



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed legislation has no impact on revenues of the current system. There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

Title

Creating Section 12.138(14) of the Madison General Ordinances to reduce commuter parking impact and promote the use of off-street parking.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This proposed subsection will address parking concerns in high density areas utilizing the Residential Parking Permit Program ("RP3"). The goal of this ordinance is to reduce commuter impact and promote the use of off-street parking. The ordinance prevents overcrowding on the streets and allows parking to those residents who do not have alternative off-street parking options available through their residence.

Multi-unit dwellings can place a strain on available residential parking. Some multi-unit dwellings offer off-street parking. Theoretically, this off-street parking should reduce the impact multi-unit dwellings have on the RP3 and commuter parking. However, residential off-street parking spaces do not minimize the impact of commuter parking unless the parking spaces are actually being used by residents. When residents do not utilize available off-street parking, they are creating a market for commuters to buy the off-street parking intended for residents. Once these spots are used for commuter parking, residents park on the street and essentially become a proxy for the commuter driving into the area. This ordinance could reduce commuter impact by decreasing the availability of "commuter proxies." It will encourage residents who live in large multi-unit dwellings to utilize the off-street parking available at their residence.

This proposed subsection would limit RP3 eligibility for future developments approved for construction after the effective date of this ordinance. Residents who live in buildings approved for construction after that date will only be eligible to apply for RP3 if the dwelling has three units or less.

State law precludes the City from requiring that landlords notify tenants if their property is ineligible for RP3. Wis. Stat. § 66.0104(2)(d). Since the City cannot require landlords to inform tenants about RP3 ineligibility, the ordinance requires that the City Traffic Engineer and Parking Manager maintain an updated list of ineligible properties that can be accessed by the public. The City may also explore including RP3 ineligibility notification in the Landlord Best Practices Certification Program.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Subsection (14) entitled "Eligibility of Properties" of Section 12.138 entitled "Residential Daytime Parking Privileges For "Commuter Parking Impacted" Streets" of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

"(14) Eligibility of Properties. In order to support the purpose of reducing commuter impact and promoting the use of off-street parking, residents of new developments approved for construction after the effective date of this ordinance will only be eligible for participation in the Residential Parking Permit Program if the dwelling has three units or less. The City Traffic Engineer and Parking Manager shall maintain and make accessible to the public a list of ineligible addresses."