

## **ORDINANCE NO. 866**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING CHAPTER 10.24, STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING, OF TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CRESCENT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crescent City is a general law city with the constitutional authority ("police power") to make laws and regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 10 of the Crescent City Municipal Code sets forth vehicle and traffic regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Vehicle Code authorizes the City to set forth local parking regulations that prohibit, restrict or otherwise regulate the parking, stopping or standing of vehicles in any offstreet parking facility which it owns or operates by ordinance or resolution provided that enforcement may not occur until signs giving notice have been erected; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this ordinance is to establish a clear legislative framework under which the City Council may, by resolution, implement and adjust reasonable parking time limitations in city-owned or city-operated parking lots in order to promote turnover, access, and efficient use of public parking resources, consistent with state law; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff have reviewed, considered, and recommend that the City Council adopt this ordinance setting general regulations for city owned or operated parking lots and allowing for parking lot specific regulations by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Crescent City ordains as follows:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The City Council finds the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

**SECTION 2. CODE AMENDMENT.** Chapter 10.24, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, of Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Crescent City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**2.01** Section 10.24.240, City parking lots – Definitions, is hereby added to Chapter 10.24 to read as follows:

#### **10.24.240 City parking lots - Definitions.**

"City parking lot" means any offstreet parking facility that the city owns or operates.

“Offstreet parking facility” has the same meaning as used in Vehicle Code Section 22519 authorizing local regulation of parking on offstreet parking facilities owned or operated by a local authority.

“Parking time limitation” or “time limitation” means a restriction that limits the maximum duration a vehicle may be parked within a designated city parking lot or portion thereof, during specified days and/or hours, as established by resolution pursuant to this chapter.

“Posted” or “posted notice” means the placement of signs giving notice of the applicable parking regulation at the city parking lot in a manner reasonably calculated to provide notice to users.

- 2.02** Section 10.24.250, City parking lots – Time limitations, is hereby added to Chapter 10.24 to read as follows:

**10.24.250 City parking lots - Time limitations.**

A. The city council hereby authorizes the establishment, modification, and repeal of parking time limitations applicable to one or more city parking lots by resolution.

B. Any resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter shall, at a minimum:

1. Identify the city parking lot(s), or the specific area(s) within a city parking lot, to which the time limitation applies.
2. State the maximum permitted parking duration.
3. State the days and hours during which the time limitation applies.
4. State any exemptions, such as preferential parking privileges for residents, merchants, and their guests, as determined to be appropriate by the city council.
5. Provide an effective date, subject to the posting requirements set forth in this chapter.

C. No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a city parking lot for longer than the time limit designated for said city parking lot.

D. No parking time limitation established or modified by resolution pursuant to this chapter shall apply or be enforceable until signs giving notice thereof have been erected at the affected city parking lot.

E. The director of public works, or designee, is authorized and directed to cause the required signs to be erected and maintained to provide notice of any parking time limitation adopted by resolution pursuant to this chapter.

- 2.03** Section 10.24.260, City parking lots – Posting requirement, is hereby added to Chapter 10.24 to read as follows:

**10.24.260 City parking lots – Parking regulations.**

A. The city council hereby authorizes the establishment, modification, and repeal of parking regulations, other than time limitations, applicable to one or more city parking lots by resolution.

B. Any resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter shall, at a minimum:

1. Identify the city parking lot(s), or the specific area(s) within a city parking lot, to which the regulation applies.
2. State the parking regulation with specificity.
3. State the days and hours during which the time limitation applies.
4. State any exemptions, such as temporary commercial loading or unloading, as determined to be appropriate by the city council.
5. Provide an effective date, subject to the posting requirements set forth in this chapter.

C. No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a city parking lot in violation of the specified adopted parking regulations for said city parking lot.

D. No parking regulation established or modified by resolution pursuant to this chapter shall apply or be enforceable until signs giving notice thereof have been erected at the affected city parking lot.

E. The director of public works, or designee, is authorized and directed to cause the required signs to be erected and maintained to provide notice of any parking regulation adopted by resolution pursuant to this chapter.

- 2.04** Section 10.24.270, Enforcement, is hereby added to Chapter 10.24 to read as follows:

**10.24.270 Enforcement.**

A. Violations of the provisions of this chapter are subject to civil penalties, as set forth in a duly adopted resolution of the city council.

B. The city council shall, by resolution, adopt a schedule of penalties for parking and related violations, late payment penalties, administration fees, and other related charges for parking and related violations.

C. In addition to the applicable civil penalty, those assessments and penalties imposed by Government Code Sections 70372(b) and 76000.3 shall be added to the total fine due per citation.

D. Violations will be enforced by the civil administrative process set forth in Vehicle Code Sections 40200 through 40230. Said violations are not subject to Chapter 1.24 of this Code.

E. The city shall offer a payment plan for indigent persons in compliance with Vehicle Code Section 40220.

\*\*\*END TEXT AMENDMENT\*\*\*

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or inapplicable to any situation by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or the applicability of this Ordinance to other situations.

**SECTION 4. CEQA FINDINGS.** This Ordinance has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the CEQA Guidelines, and has been found to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) as this ordinance does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE & PUBLICATION.** This Ordinance will become effective 30 days after the date of its adoption. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published within 15 days of its adoption in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 36933.

**INTRODUCED** at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Crescent City held on July 6, 2026.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Crescent City at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 3rd day of August 2026 by the following polled vote:

AYES: Council Members Altman, Greenough, Tinkler, and Mayor Wright  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Council Member Shamblin

  
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Isaiah Wright, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Robin Altman, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Martha D. Rice, City Attorney