

**ORDINANCE NO. 51-08-22**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 3 'PARKING REGULATIONS; SECTION 6-3-4 'PROHIBITED PARKING PLACES' TO INCLUDE NEW REGULATIONS FOR ON-STREET AND OFF-STREET PARKING FOR PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF ALAMO; PROVIDING FOR A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR AN ENABLING DATE OF ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY SECRETARY TO HAVE THE CONTENTS OF THIS ORDINANCE PUBLISHED AND POSTED IN THE CITY OF ALAMO'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PUBLISH THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN A NEWSPAPER OF LOCAL CIRCULATION IN ACCORDANCE TO PROTOCOL**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Alamo, Texas has adopted Title 6 known as the MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC regulations, in its civic efforts to monitor and regulate orderly parking in its jurisdiction; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Alamo, Texas understands that occasionally, these regulations may need to be updated due to parking circumstances, and where such adjustments are deemed reasonable and necessary to maintain a respectable usage of parking facilities and parking spaces; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-3-4 is referred to as 'Prohibited Parking Places' which outlines policies and regulations to maintain an orderly measure of traffic safety, and to maintain respectful use of parking facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, It has come to the attention of the City of Alamo that the parking facilities afforded for city use has been occasionally infringed upon by the parking of vehicles for extended periods of time for non-public use; and,

**WHEREAS**, There is a need to establish regulations to restore respectful order of the city's parking amenities for the benefit of incoming citizens/patrons expecting reasonable parking facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ALAMO, COUNTY OF HIDALGO, STATE OF TEXAS, THAT:**

1. The following new provisions shall be added to the City's Code of Ordinances' Title 6, Chapter 3, as measures to protect the intent and use of the City of Alamo's parking lots and parking spaces:

#### **Section 6-3-4**

#### **H Municipal Parking Lots/Spaces**

1. **The off-street parking lots at all city properties shall be used exclusively to conduct city business only for the civic intent of the subject property.**
2. **No person(s) shall use any part of a city's parking lot to park any vehicle or personal item (boat, etc.) for the intent of displaying it 'For Sale' or for such similar transaction(s).**
3. **No person(s) shall park a vehicle on any part of a city's parking lot to wash, dismantle, or repair any vehicle or other personal item(s). Should there be a car-wash by a civic or school group for a bona fide non-profit purpose, such shall be examined by the City Manager to verify its legitimacy and declaring the city's approval for such temporary use. If approved, the City Manager shall inform the Board of Commissioners, the Police Department, the Code Enforcement Office, and any other personnel deemed appropriate in order to not impede the events' success by un-necessary enforcement efforts.**
4. **The City Manager shall pre-approve any proposal requesting the use of any city parking lot for temporary or seasonal charitable purposes, e.g., back-to-school giveaways, Halloween drive-thru giveaways, food drive initiatives, etc. In no case shall such events occur without the prior approval of the City Manager.**
5. **With the proper regulatory signage installed, *on*-street parking spaces facing or next to a city building, may be designated for 'City Use' only; such approval may include a time block of 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the facility's normal hours of operation. Should there be non-city parking on such designated on-street parking spaces after normal working hours (pursuant to the posted signage), it shall not be deemed to be a violation of this Section. However, any vehicle(s) remaining parked in the on-street parking space(s) designated for city use, shall be subject to typical enforcement measures as outlined in Section 6-3-6 (Illegally Parked Vehicles; Citation).**
6. **The City of Alamo owns properties throughout the City and desires to continue being a respectful neighbor to surrounding property owners. In like manner, the City merely expects a reasonable measure of respect to its properties (just like any respect afforded to a private citizen). Reflective of the City's intent for cordial**

conduct, should there be a need for a vehicle to necessarily park in a city parking lot/designated parking space due to an emergency or un-expected vehicular failure, then the vehicle may remain parked but only for a reasonable tenure to being removed therefrom. On the other hand, should a city parking space be continuously used for private purposes without any permission, then the City proclaims its inherent right to reclaim its parking lot/parking spaces for public use to its facilities; thus, the City may alert the police department for procedural enforcement, including but not limited to, the vehicle, etc., being towed/moved away.

7. The following on-street parking spaces designated for 'City Use' only that face or are next to a city building, shall be as follows:
  - a. City of Alamo Museum
  - b. (Reserved)
  
2. Should there be any regulation, provision, phrase, section or similar measure be determined to be unconstitutional or deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is declared that all other remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
  
3. Should there be an regulation, provision, section or similar measure that may be in conflict with any provision, policy, or regulation as set forth by this ordinance, then the provisions of this ordinance shall supersede all others.
  
4. This ordinance and its ordained provisions, regulations, and measures shall be effective immediately upon signature by the Mayor of the City of Alamo, Texas.
  
5. The City Secretary of the City of Alamo, Texas is hereby instructed to forward the signed ordinance to the City's Codifying firm so that the contents may be promptly published in the City of Alamo's Code of Ordinances.
  
6. The City Secretary of the City of Alamo, Texas is hereby instructed to publish the caption of this ordinance in a newspaper of local circulation in accordance to policy and protocol.

**READ, DISCUSSED, AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ALAMO, TEXAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, at a Regular Meeting called and publicly held at the City of Alamo's City Hall, on this the 2 day of August, In The Year of Our Lord, 2022.

CITY OF ALAMO, TEXAS

*Diana Martinez*  
Diana Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Alexandra Rangel*

Alexandra Rangel  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
PALACIOS, GARZA & THOMPSON

*[Signature]*

CITY ATTORNEY

