

**CITY OF ST. JOHNS  
ORDINANCE NO. 683**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 71 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
REGARDING PARKING VIOLATIONS**

**THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 71, §71.06.** Section 71.06 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**§ 71.06 ISSUING TICKETS.**

The issuance of a traffic citation or notice of violation by a police officer of the city shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation. The City Commission, in consultation with the Chief of Police, may authorize city personnel other than a police officer to issue and serve citations and notices of violation of its ordinances involving the parking or standing of motor vehicles. Such citations or traffic tickets shall indicate that the person to whom the same was issued may respond to the Parking Violations Bureau within five business days of its issuance and that thereafter the citation will be turned over to the 65-2 District Court for handling. The citation shall also indicate the address of the Parking Violations Bureau, the hours during which the Bureau is open, the amount of the penalty scheduled for the offense for which the ticket was issued and the address of the 65-A District Court if the five day time frame is not met.

**Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 71, §71.08.** Section 71.08 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**§ 71.08 PARKING REGULATIONS.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to park in a parking zone on the streets of the city within the areas designated for parking and designated for a specified time period for a period in excess of that time designated by traffic control order and respectively traffic signs. If any vehicle shall remain parked in such a parking space beyond the time limit fixed for such parking space, the parking shall be deemed overtime parking, a violation of this chapter and punishable as set forth herein.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to park in a designated municipal parking lot for a time period in excess of that time set forth by respective traffic control order and denoted by signs to that effect. Such parking in excess of the times designated by traffic control order and by signs, respectively, shall be deemed overtime parking and shall be a violation of this chapter and punishable as hereinbefore provided.

(C) It shall further be unlawful for any person to park in a designated municipal parking lot, allowing parking by permit, the lots and permits being further designated by traffic control order and by signs respectively. The parking permits shall be obtained from the municipal offices at City Hall, and the permits are to be for a period of six months or one year, at a price to be established by the City Commission administratively. The permits

must be affixed or otherwise hung from the inside rearview mirror of any vehicle using same. Any vehicle parking without permit shall be deemed overtime parking and shall be a violation of this chapter and punishable as herein described.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any person to park overnight in designated municipal parking lots set forth by respective traffic control orders and denoted by signs to that effect without first obtaining a permit to do so, said permit to be available from the municipal offices at City Hall and to be for a period of six months to one year, at a price to be established by the City Commission administratively. The permits must be affixed or otherwise hung from the inside rearview mirror of any vehicle using same. Any vehicle parking overnight with proper permit must be moved at least once every 72 hours and not left standing in excess of that time.

(E) Any vehicle parking overnight without permit or allowed to remain unmoved in excess of 72 hours with a permit shall be in violation of this chapter and subject to a parking citation as provided for in this chapter or may be subject to towing and removal by city police, designated personnel, or the city's designated towing authority.

**Section 3. Amendment to Chapter 71, §71.12.** Chapter 71.12 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**§ 71.12 CONTROL MARKS OR DEVICES.**

The St. Johns Chief of Police and/or his designated employee or agent may use markings or approved marking devices to designate and control time limitations set forth herein as permitted by law.

**Section 4. Amendment to Chapter 71, §71.13.** Chapter 71.13 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**§ 71.13 ERASURE OR REMOVAL OF CONTROL MARKS OR DEVICES.**

No person shall erase or remove any marks or devices utilized for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

**Section 5. Repeal and Replace.** Any and all ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent necessary for this Ordinance to be in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Publication and Effective Date.** The City Clerk shall publish a notice of adoption of this Ordinance within 7 days of its adoption. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its adoption.

YEAS: Eric Hufnagel, Jean Ruestman, Brad Gurski, Scott Dzurka, Chris Hyzer  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

As the City Clerk of the City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, I certify that this is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. Johns City Commission at a regular meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Scott Dzurka, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Mindy J. Seavey, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_