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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016- 169

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE

1 AMENDING the Springfield City Code, Chapter 106, Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI  
2 Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 3, Method of Parking, by  
3 amending Sections 106-295 and 106-298 to add language allowing  
4 reverse angle parking.  
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7 WHEREAS, the current language only allows vehicles to park in angle or  
8 diagonal parking where the front of the vehicle is directed at the front of the curb; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works wishes to address driver,  
11 pedestrian, and bicycle safety by allowing reverse angle parking in designated areas.,  
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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
14 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:  
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16 NOTE: Language to be added is underlined.

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18 Section 1 – The Springfield City Code, Chapter 106, Traffic and Vehicles, Article  
19 VI Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 3, Method of Parking, Sections 106-295  
20 and 106-298 are hereby amended as follows:  
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22 Sec. 106-295. - Standing or parking close to curb.  
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24 No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the  
25 edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with  
26 the right hand wheels of the vehicle within 12 inches of the curb or edge of the  
27 roadway, except in the case of angle or diagonal parking. In the case of angle or  
28 diagonal parking, no person shall stand or park a vehicle other than with the front  
29 of such vehicle directed toward the front or curb of such angle or diagonal  
30 parking space, except in areas designated as reverse-angle parking stalls and  
31 indicated with appropriate signing. No person shall idle a vehicle while standing  
32 or parking in a reverse-angle parking stall.  
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Sec. 106-298. - Permit for loading or unloading at angle to curb.

The traffic engineer is authorized to issue special permits to permit the backing of a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or materials subject to the terms and conditions of such permit. Such permits may be issued either to the owner or lessee of real property or to the owner of the vehicle and shall grant to such person the privilege as therein stated and authorized herein. No person shall back a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading except according to the terms of such a permit or in areas designated as reverse-angle parking stalls and indicated with appropriate signing where a permit is not required. Where reverse-angle parking is permitted, no person shall idle a vehicle within the parking stall while loading or unloading of a vehicle.

Section 2 – Savings Clause. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights acquired or liability incurred nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

Section 3 – Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 4 – This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form: Richard T. Wieder, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: Greg Burt, City Manager

## EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO: 2016- 169

FILED: 07-05-16

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

**PURPOSE:** Amending the City Code, Chapter 106 Traffic and Vehicles, Division 3, Method of Parking, to allow for reverse-angle parking for vehicles standing or parking close to a curb or when loading and unloading from angular parking stalls without the need for a permit.

**BACKGROUND:** As new practices for addressing driver, pedestrian, and bicycle safety evolve, the need for City staff to embrace proven methods of addressing parking and safety concerns is necessary.

**REMARKS:** This amendment allows for vehicles to be parked with the rear of the vehicle adjacent to the curb for the purpose of creating better visibility for drivers leaving a parking stall, ease of loading and unloading packages from the public sidewalk, and promote a safer environment for bicyclists and pedestrians. Additionally, this amendment addresses disallowing a vehicle to idle in reverse-angle parking areas adjacent to sidewalk activities that may pollute the public areas.

Section 106-295 in Chapter 106 establishes the practice of standing or parking close to the curb. This amendment allows for vehicles to reverse-angle park in permitted and appropriately signed areas. This amendment establishes that drivers utilizing reverse-angle parking stalls are prohibited from allowing their vehicle to idle when parked in such designed areas.

Section 106-298 in Chapter 106 establishes the permitting process for loading and unloading vehicles at an angle to the curb. This amendment allows for vehicles parked in reverse-angle parking stalls to load and unload goods without the need for a permit in the appropriately signed areas.

Supports the following Field Guide 2030 goal(s): Chapter 12, Transportation; Major Goal 2, Operations and Maintenance; Objective 2d, The City of Springfield should coordinate operations and maintenance efforts with Greene County, the State of Missouri, rail, and transit to ensure a seamless connection to the regional system.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Public Works Department recommends approval of the proposed additions to allow for reverse-angle parking in designated and appropriately signed areas and prohibiting the idling of vehicles in reverse angle parking stalls.

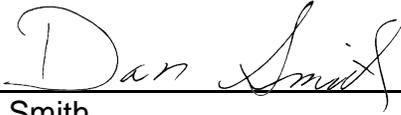
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Director of Public Works

Approved by:



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