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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

June 16, 2023

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Bylaw Amendment 23-900: Parking Map Amendment

This is a first reading of Bylaw Amendment 23-900, which will amend the Downtown Parking District Map by changing the hours of no overnight parking at the Depot St. parking lot and the Ferrara lot from 2am-6am to 12am-5am. The purpose of this bylaw is to accommodate altering train schedules by the MBTA. 5:00 AM will be the earliest a train will run because of standard overnight track maintenance.

The change from 6am to 5am is being proposed to accommodate MBTA commuters, as the earliest train departs at 5:09am. The Chief has assured me that tickets will not be issued during the hours of 5am-6am at these locations until these changes are officially implemented and sufficient signage is posted.

As the bylaw is being amended anyway and the overnight ban hours are being further restricted, the staff are requesting to reconsider the overnight parking ban hours and moving the curfew from 2:00 AM to Midnight to assist the Police Department in enforcement. As the Police Chief explained at earlier hearings, midnight allows the patrol to do a compliance sweep between Midnight and 1:00 AM, which is at the end of the shift. This is smoother for Police operations as we have fewer officers on the overnight. If there is a call for service and officers are not available, then enforcement on the overnight parking bans (in the lots and on the streets) will not be able to be properly enforced. Additionally, the window of enforcement shrinks to only 3 hours with the adjustment for the commuter rail.

The good news is that on July 1st an entirely new era is about to blossom for parking downtown. We know there will be bumps in the road. The pay kiosks are installed and early tests have gone well. The DPW has been replacing signs throughout downtown. Once final approval of this bylaw goes into effect in August, the Town will do public outreach. The staff are developing a one stop shop website right now.

This has been a lot of work and I hope everyone in the community has some patience as this change evolves. I hope everyone also celebrates that for the first time ever, the downtown parking is now available to *everyone* on a first come first serve basis and we have removed the fact those spaces were only for commuters and businesses. No more quarterly permits!

The fee will be \$3 a day for a commuter. This is half of what the MBTA charges. From Noon to 6:00 PM each day will be \$2.00. And free after 6:00 PM through (hopefully) midnight for nighttime commerce.

Davis-Thayer Hours

One issue neglected in more detail from the earlier map was parking in the D-T lot. The hours proposed here are for the following reasons:

1. To prevent all-day parking at D-T.
2. Recognizes that many library patrons still need more parking during the day and afternoons. 2 hours is plenty of time. Again, this is used as overflow parking for major events and we do not see an issue here.
3. Recognizes that the ballfields are used by sports leagues most afternoons and certainly weekends, thus parking is free and available for the little league teams.
4. Adds the same overnight parking provisions for the police to do a sweep seven days a week to ensure those cannot park for long periods in that lot.

If you have any questions please feel free to let us know.



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BYLAW AMENDMENT 23-900
CHAPTER 170, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AT CHAPTER 170, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AT ARTICLE IV, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, §170-15 PARKING PROHIBITIONS AND LIMITATIONS D. PARKING PROHIBITED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL that Chapter 170 of the Code of the Town of Franklin Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations D. Parking Prohibited is hereby amended as follows:

§170-15 Parking prohibitions and limitations.

No person shall stand or park any vehicle at any time:

- A. Upon streets or parts thereof where such a prohibition is posted.
- B. At bus stops, except buses, and no person shall park a bus within a business district at any place other than a bus stop when a nearby bus stop is available.
- C. At taxicab stands, except taxicabs, and no person shall park a taxicab upon any street within a business district at any place other than the taxicab stand or stands designated for the use of this taxicab or taxicabs, except while engaged or while waiting for an opportunity to use a taxicab stand designated for his use.
- D. Parking prohibited.
 - 1. Downtown Parking District: Boundaries are those contained on map captioned "Downtown Parking District" prepared by Town of Franklin Engineering Department, dated July 13, 2016, **and revised through the effective date of this legislation**, the original of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and a copy of which is appended hereto as "Attachment 1"; prohibitions and limitations on streets contained within the district are shown on said map.

This bylaw amendment shall become effective on and after August 2, 2023; the map currently on file with the Town Clerk, as most recently revised, shall remain in effect until August 2, 2023.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED:

A True Record Attest:

UNANIMOUS _____
YES: _____ NO: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

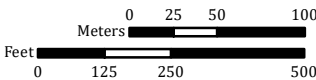
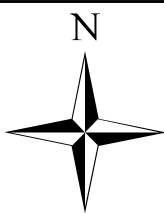
Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

DOWNTOWN PARKING DISTRICT

- 2 HR 8am-2pm, M-F
- 2 HR Parking 6am-6pm, M-Sat, No Overnight
- No Parking

- Downtown Parking District
- Building
- Parcel



Map #2 - Proposed Amendment

**All parking zones are subject to local bylaw \$170-14, including, but not limited to, no parking within 20 feet of any intersecting way or 10 feet of a fire hydrant.*

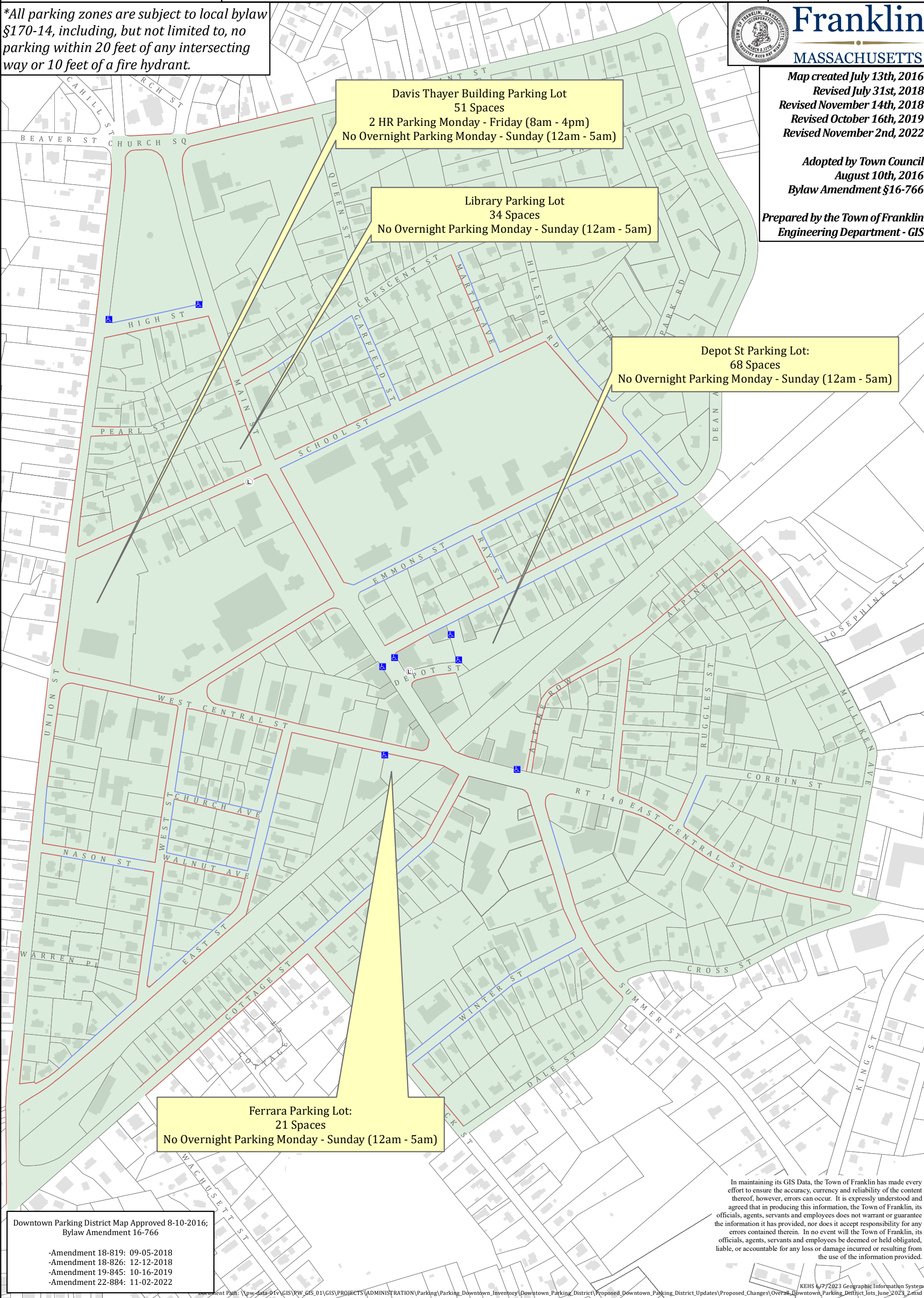


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Revised July 31st, 2018
Revised November 14th, 2018
Revised October 16th, 2019
Revised November 2nd, 2022

Adopted by Town Council
August 10th, 2016
Bylaw Amendment §16-766

Prepared by the Town of Franklin
Engineering Department - GIS



Downtown Parking District Map Approved 8-10-2016;
Bylaw Amendment 16-766

- Amendment 18-819: 09-05-2018
- Amendment 18-826: 12-12-2018
- Amendment 19-845: 10-16-2019
- Amendment 22-884: 11-02-2022

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