

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 126, ARTICLE VII. – PARKING, DIVISION 4 BY ADDING PARKING REGISTRATION AND FEE EXCEPTIONS FOR DISABLED LICENSE PLATES AND PLACARDS IN RIVER PARKING ZONES; REPEALING ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City of New Braunfels seeks to provide equitable and accessible parking options in its paid river parking zones; and

Whereas, Texas state law recognizes both disabled parking license plates and placards as valid indicators for individuals with disabilities to access designated parking accommodations; and

Whereas, the City Council approved that disabled parking license plates be exempt from downtown parking zone fees; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to align local parking practices with other Texas cities and public input to ensure accessibility for all residents and visitors; and

Whereas, the City of New Braunfels seeks to promote fair and consistent enforcement of disabled parking regulations by ensuring that only disabled license plates and placards bearing the International Symbol of Access (ISA) are recognized as valid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

ARTICLE VII. – PARKING

DIVISION 4. METERED AND PAY STATION PARKING

Sec. 126-381. Paid parking space and paid parking zones established.

- (a) The below-listed zones may be diminished or extended and enlarged or other paid parking spaces or paid parking zones may be created when authorized by the city council. The following described areas are hereby established as paid parking zones:
 - (1) *Prince Solms Park*. There shall be a parking fee charged for all parking spaces in Prince Solms Park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$20.00 for every parking space utilized by a vehicle of any size. If city personnel or any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$20.00 fee will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the

fee is applicable, a new \$20.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collect from this parking lot will go into the River Activities Fund.

Exceptions. A Resident Prince Solms Sports pass shall be made available for users of the Prince Solms Park tennis courts, basketball courts and disc golf course.

For the purpose of section 126-381, the term "resident" applies to persons who reside within the city limits. The term of the Resident Prince Solms Sports pass is May 1st through Labor Day in the same year the pass was purchased. The fee for the Resident Prince Solms Sports pass shall be \$40.00 and valid for two years. All holders of a Resident Prince Solms Sports pass shall be entitled entry into Prince Solms Park parking area at no additional charge, seven days a week, excluding holidays, from May 1st through Labor Day for the purpose of parking their vehicles to utilize the tennis courts, basketball courts and disc golf course in the park.

- (2) *Landa Park parking lots located off Elizabeth Avenue.* There shall be a parking fee charged for the parking spaces located in Landa Park parking lots located off Elizabeth Avenue between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. weekends and holidays from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$10.00 for every parking space utilized vehicle of any size. If city personnel or any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$10.00 fee will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$10.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collected from this parking lot will go into the River Activities Fund. There will be reserved parking spots in this parking lot for mini-golf patrons that will be clearly marked and signed.

Exceptions. The Landa Park parking lot located directly in front of Landa Recreation building will be reserved for staff use from May 1 through Labor Day and will not be available for paid parking.

- (3) *East San Antonio Street.* There shall be a parking fee charged for all parking spaces on the north side of East San Antonio Street between the intersection with South Liberty Avenue and the Comal River bridge between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$20.00 for every parking space utilized by a vehicle of any size. If city personnel or any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$20.00 fee will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$20.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collected from this parking location will go into the River Activities Fund.
- (4) *Hinman Island Drive.* There shall be a parking fee charged for all parking spaces on Hinman Island Drive between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$30.00 for every parking space utilized by a vehicle of any size. If city personnel or any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$30.00 fee will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$30.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collected from this parking lot will go into the River Activities Fund.
- (5) *Mill Street.* There shall be a parking fee charged for all parking spaces on Mill Street, and on the east side of Mill Street located north-east of the railroad tracks between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$20.00 for every parking space utilized by a vehicle of any size. If city personnel or any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$20.00 fee

will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$20.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collected from this parking lot will go into the River Activities Fund.

Exception. The Mill Street parking lot may be used for overflow staff parking working at the Tube Chute and River Booths. Staff will be provided with a staff parking pass.

- (6) *Fair Lane at River Acres Park.* There shall be a parking fee charged for all parking spaces on the southern side of Fair Lane from the intersection of Fair Lane and Common Street for 520 feet, with the exception of a no parking zone for emergency vehicles that starts 312 feet from the intersection of Fair Lane and Common Street and is 52 feet long. The parking fee will be charged between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$20.00 for every parking space utilized by a vehicle of any size. If city personnel any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$20.00 fee will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$20.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collected from this parking lot will go into the River Activities Fund.
- (7) *Cypress Bend Park.* There shall be a parking fee charged for all parking spaces in Cypress Bend Park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily from May 1 through Labor Day. Such parking fee shall be paid by the operator of each vehicle at the designated locations and shall be charged \$20.00 for every parking space utilized by a vehicle of any size. If city personnel or any other parking enforcement agents authorized by the city manager determine that a vehicle is using more than one parking space, then an additional \$20.00 fee will be charged. Once paid by the operator, the space is not transferable to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and then returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$20.00 fee will be charged to park in one space. All fees collected from Cypress Bend Park will go into the River Activities Fund.

Exceptions. At the determination of the city manager or their designee the parking fee may be waived with rental of the Cypress Bend Pavilion.

(b) *General exceptions.*

- (1) [Vehicles with disabled veteran license plates, disabled parking plates, or displaying a disabled parking placard, will be exempt from registration requirements and parking fees. With the exception of disabled veteran license plates or placards, the license plate or placard must bear the international symbol of access as defined in the Texas Transportation Code, Sec. 681.001, and it must be issued by a state or by a state or province of a foreign country to the owner of operator of the vehicle for the transportation of a person with a disability. ~~Vehicles with disabled veteran license plates will be exempt from parking fees.~~](#)
- (2) When it has been determined by the city manager or their designated representative that weather or other conditions do not warrant charging such a fee, it may be temporarily suspended.
- (3) A resident river parking pass shall be made available for users of the paid parking spaces and paid parking zones in subsections 126-381 (a) (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7).

For the purpose of section 126-381, the term "resident" applies to persons who reside within the city limits. There is no fee for the Resident River Parking Pass and it shall be valid for one year. All holders of a Resident River Parking Pass shall be entitled entry into Elizabeth Street parking area, East San Antonio Street on street parking, Mill Street parking, Hinman Island Drive on street parking, Fair Lane on street parking, and Cypress Bend Park parking at no additional charge, daily, from May 1st through Labor Day for the purpose of parking their vehicles.

(c) The river parking pass program may be administered and enforced by city personnel or authorized parking enforcement agents, as designated by the city manager.

(Ord. No. 2019-25, § II, 4-8-19; Ord. No. 2019-84, § 2, 11-25-19; Ord. No. 2024-24, § 1, 3-18-24; Ord. No. 2024-82, § 1, 11-12-24; Ord. No. 2025-18, § 1, 3-17-25)

SECTION 2:

This Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative to all other ordinances of the City of New Braunfels relating to parking within the City of New Braunfels, and same shall not operate to repeal or affect any such ordinance or ordinances except insofar as the provisions of such ordinance or ordinances are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which instance or instances those provisions shall be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

That if any provisions of this Ordinance shall be held void, illegal, or unconstitutional, it is hereby provided that all other parts of the same which are not held void, illegal or unconstitutional shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4:

This Ordinance shall become adopted and effective after second reading, signature, and upon its filing with the City Secretary's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED:

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this 23rd day of March 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED: Second Reading this 13th day of April 2026.

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

GAYLE WILKINSON, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VALERIA ACEVEDO, City Attorney

