
ORDINANCE NO. 2025- ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 126, ARTICLE VII-PARKING, DIVISION 2 BY
ADDING PARKING REGISTRATION AND FEE EXCEPTIONS FOR
DISABLED LICENSE PLATES AND PLACARDS; 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 downtown area; 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 Downtown Board, through its Parking Committee, recommended that disabled parking license plates be exempt from downtown parking fees; and

Whereas public feedback has indicated support for including both disabled parking license plates and placards as exemptions to downtown parking 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:

SECTION1: That Chapter 126 “Traffic and Vehicles” Ordinance VII “Parking”, Division 2, is amended as indicated below:

ARTICLE VII. - PARKING

DIVISION 2. PROHIBITED PARKING

Sec. 126-355. Downtown parking zone.

(a) *Definitions.* The following terms, as used in this section, have the following definitions:

Downtown parking zone shall mean the area comprised of the following public streets:

- (1) Main Plaza;
- (2) Seguin Avenue from Mill Street to Coll Street;

- (3) San Antonio Street from Gilbert Street to Academy Avenue;
- (4) Castell Avenue from Mill Street to Coll Street;
- (5) The south/west side of Market Street from E. Mill Street to E. San Antonio Street.



Motor vehicle, referred to here as *vehicle*, shall mean any mechanically or electrically powered device not operated on rails, upon which or by which any person or property may be transported upon a public street. The load on a motor vehicle or trailer attached to it, is considered part of the vehicle. Tractors and motorized machinery are included while self-propelled in transit or used for transportation.

Public parking means any parking spaces located on streets and other property owned by the City of New Braunfels, Texas.

- (b) *Downtown parking and registration.*
 - (1) *Paid downtown parking.* There shall be a parking fee charged for all public parking spaces in the downtown parking zone between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily, except that the first hour

parked each day shall be free. Unless an exemption applies, the parking fee shall be paid by each vehicle at an hourly rate of \$2.00 for each parking space, with a maximum charge of \$10.00 per day per vehicle. Payment shall be made through the city's internet based point of sale application or other methods approved by the city. In areas with marked parking spaces, the vehicle must be parked within the marked space. If a designated parking enforcement agent determines that a vehicle is parked in more than one parking space or the vehicle is parked in a space that is legally occupied by another vehicle, then an additional fee of \$2.00 will be charged for each hour the vehicle remains parked. Once a parking fee is paid, the operator may not transfer the space to another vehicle. If a vehicle leaves and returns later in the same day when the fee is applicable, a new \$2.00 hourly fee will be charged. All fees collected from publicly owned parking spaces within the downtown parking zone will be deposited or transferred to the city's Downtown Parking Fund.

- (2) *Registration required.* Any vehicle parked in the Downtown Parking Zone must be registered with the city through its parking enforcement agent. Failure to register a vehicle shall constitute a civil offense pursuant to sections 126-357.1—126-360 and subject to a civil offense only.
- (c) *General exceptions.* The terms of this section shall not apply in the following instances:
 - (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 or operator of the vehicle for the transportation of a person with a disability. ~~Vehicles with disabled veteran license plates will be exempt from registration requirements and parking fees.~~
 - 2) When the city manager or designee determines that weather or other conditions do not warrant charging such fee, the fee may be temporarily suspended.
- (d) *Penalties.*
 - (1) Any vehicle parked in violation of section 126-355 will be subject to additional fees and civil enforcement, including immobilization or impoundment.

(Ord. No. 2009-50, § I, 7-27-09; Ord. No. 2011-14, § I, 1-24-11; Ord. No. 2019-45, § 2, 7-22-19; Ord. No. 2025-31, § 1, 5-27-25)

Editor's note(s)—Appendix A as referred to in this section is not set out at length herein, but is on file in the office of the city clerk.

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: First reading this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valeria M. Acevedo, City Attorney