

# **TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION**

**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Commission Chambers  
Governmental Center, 2nd Floor  
400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

**Posted: 7/11/14**

## **AGENDA**

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Planning Commission  
c/o Russell Soyring, Planning Director  
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49684  
231-922-4778

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. WEST FRONT STREET STREETScape CONCEPTS (DISCUSSION)**
- 5. OVERNIGHT PARKING (DISCUSSION)**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**



## Communication to the Planning Commission

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FOR THE MEETING OF: July 15, 2014

FROM: Russ Soyring, Planning Director 

SUBJECT: Front Street Streetscape Concepts and Overnight Parking discussions

DATE: July 11, 2014

### Agenda Item 4:

Concepts for designs will be distributed at the meeting for the West Front Street Streetscape Concept discussion. These concepts could become an alternative to the West Front Street Bridge Replacement project (that included the streetscape) that was approved for consistency with the Master Plan on 3/18/14. (As you may recall, the project was also discussed on 3/4/14 as well, but that action was superseded by the 3/18/14 action.) The Commission would have to take action on the alternative West Front Street Bridge and Streetscape concepts for consistency with the Master Plan on 8/5/14 if they desire to change the approved plan.

### Agenda Item 5:

The City Manager asked that the Planning Commission discuss the possible expansion of our overnight parking regulations as it has a land use impact. In addition, the Planning Commission has a stated goal to establish a Parking Committee to complete a Comprehensive Parking Plan once the Active Transportation Plan is complete.

Attached: May 31, 2012 Memo to the Planning Commission regarding a Parking Subcommittee  
Overnight parking regulations in Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Manistee, Petoskey and Charlevoix handout

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*For your information.  
No action was taken on  
this in 2012.*

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## Communication to the Planning Commission

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FOR THE MEETING OF: June 5, 2012  
FROM: Russ Soyring, Planning Director  
SUBJECT: Parking Subcommittee  
DATE: May 31, 2012

One of the Planning Commission goals for 2012 is the development of a "Comprehensive Traffic and Parking Plan." Text from the January 2012 study session was:

Once the Corridor Improvement Project recommendations are made, a Comprehensive Traffic and Parking Plan is needed. A subcommittee of the Planning Commission will be formed to guide the process. A sub plan of the Comprehensive Traffic and Parking Plan will be to conduct a Non-Motorized Plan. A subcommittee of the Planning Commission will be formed to guide the process.

The wording suggests two subcommittees, one for a motorized Plan, and a second for a non-motorized Plan. A different approach for dividing the effort would be to form one subcommittee to address Traffic and a second subcommittee to address Parking. Based on Traverse City's ample history with traffic studies, concepts, ideas, plans, and projects, it is likely that a "comprehensive traffic plan" would take years to develop. By comparison, a "comprehensive parking plan" might be achievable even if requiring considerable time and effort. A comprehensive parking plan would include but not be limited to topics such as: an account of all current parking land use; parking space requirements; use, value and opportunity costs when requiring off-street parking; need and potential sites for parking decks; neighborhood on-street parking and bicycle parking.

Formation of the Parking subcommittee would include at least one Planning Commissioner, one City Staff and three citizens at large. The deliverable from the Parking subcommittee to the Planning Commission will be: a comprehensive parking plan with recommendations for parking improvements in Traverse City to be discussed and possibly approved for forwarding to the City Commission.

If you are in agreement with the establishment of the Comprehensive Parking Committee that includes Planning Commission representation, the following motion would be appropriate:

**THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BE ESTABLISHED TO DELIVER A COMPREHENSIVE PARKING PLAN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**



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by Katelyn Stroven  
Wednesday, April 2, 2014

To help accommodate City residents and their guests, overnight parking is allowed from **April 15 through November 15** between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday only, on any street where parking is not otherwise prohibited. Overnight parking on city streets during other periods is prohibited by City ordinance.

*From November 16 through April 14, overnight parking, 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., on City streets is prohibited by City ordinance – you may wish to remind your guests.*

See Traverse City Code of Ordinance 410.04(d) [T](#) for further details or contact Traverse City Parking Services [C](#) at 231-922-0241.

# WINTER PARKING

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An abbreviated version of the Grand Traverse County's Winter Parking Ordinance is as follows:

## WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE IN EFFECT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DECEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31

(NOTE: The [City of Traverse City](#) has a separate ordinance and fine structure.)

The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners has enacted a [Winter Parking Ordinance](#) prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles on public roadways and shoulders of roads in Grand Traverse County during the winter season.

Below are Sections IV and VI of the ordinance. For a copy of the complete ordinance, contact [County Clerk](#), 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49684 or call (231) 922-4760.

### SECTION IV: REGULATION

No person shall park any vehicle in or upon a roadway or shoulder of a roadway or street in Grand Traverse County from December 1 to March 31 of the following year between the hours of 12:00 am. (midnight) and 8:00 a.m. and snow emergencies.

### SECTION VI: VIOLATION AND PENALTY

A person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a fine only of not more than \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, \$75.00 for the third offense and \$100.00 for fourth and each additional offense plus costs of prosecution.

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## Alternate Parking

### Parking Details

The City of Manistee leaf / snow removal ordinance requires alternate parking from October 15 to April 15, on all city streets, seven days a week. Exceptions are on streets posted: "No Parking 3:00 am - 7:00 am" - this area is located in the downtown business district.

From October 15 to November 15, leaf removal will be in effect. The alternate parking system will be in effect Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. From November 15 to April 15, snow removal will be in effect. The alternate parking system will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The change-over time will be from 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm, allowing residents and visitors to switch their vehicle for the upcoming day. Remember that on even dates you will park on the even-numbered side of the street and on odd dates you will park on the odd-numbered side of the street.

### Fines

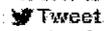
Fines for violating the alternate parking ordinance will be \$40 if paid within 14 days. After 14 days the fine is \$100. If not paid within the additional 14 days, the citation is turned over to a collection agency. If you have any questions contact the Manistee City Police Department. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

## Winter parking restrictions

November 29, 2011

### Petoskey

Petoskey's annual winter-season regulations for parking along city streets will take effect Thursday, Dec. 1, and will be in place through April 1.


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Once again this winter, these will require parking of vehicles to alternate daily from one street side to the other, between 2-6 a.m. Parking will be permitted on odd-address sides on odd-numbered dates (beginning at midnight) and on even-address sides on even-numbered dates.

On-street parking will be prohibited within the central business district from 3-5 a.m. daily.

Parking is not permitted on curb lawns or in unimproved yard areas, and vehicles cannot obstruct sidewalks. Vehicles also must not be parked to straddle curbs or in areas where curbs must be mounted to park vehicles.

Petoskey Department of Public Safety personnel recently have been placing notices on vehicles that are parked along city streets advising drivers of the seasonal regulations set to take effect. Signs also will make note of the regulations at the city limits and along streets that border the downtown area.

### Charlevoix

The Charlevoix Police Department is reminding area residents that the city's winter parking restrictions begin Thursday, Dec. 1.

The city's traffic code prohibits parking on any city street or public parking lot between the hours of 2-6 a.m. from Dec. 1-April 1.