

# **Proposed Parking Plan**

## Goals

- \* To create a dedicated Parking Bureau and a Parking Bureau Chief. (Goal met)
  - \* In the past Past the job of collecting parking data, ticketing, permitting, hardware and software and hardware acquisition and maintenance was shared between three departments; police, parking enforcement, and parking bureau located in different geographical areas.
    - \* Future Working toward a Parking Authority
- \* Consolidation of all parking related matters under the Parking Bureau to be located within the Hudson Police Department whose job would be to:
  - \* Manage parking enforcement and revenue collection staff and training
  - \* Be the liaison between the city and hardware and software companies
  - \* Collect revenue from parking tickets
  - \* Enforce parking rules
  - \* Help create new parking as new development happens. Ideas: payment in lieu of parking for developers, parking garage/EV Trolley (asking Columbia County, Amtrak, and Developers for financial help).
- \* To replace antiquated systems and hardware with new kiosk parking and Text2Park.
  - \* Kiosks, Enforcement Handhelds, and Text2Park to be run from the same software streamlining the processes. The new software will be able to run daily analytics for an easy understanding of how many parkers there are each day, how long each stay is, where people are parking most often. This information will help immensely in future parking decision making.
- \* To create consistent branding and informative signage. Our current signage is old, inconsistent, and in some cases nonexistent.
- \* To raise revenue (at the time of the parking study parking revenue made up 4% of our general budget)
  - \* Changing the Code to reflect new definitions of Short and Long Term Parking, Special Programs: Permitting by Plate, and Accessibility Parking, and new parking fees and times.
- \* To envision and ideate solutions to future parking infrastructure issues.

# **Parking Committee Process**

2/24 Organizational Meeting, 3-5/24 presentations by 5 hardware and software companies, 6/24 Introduction to Consultant Kevin Wood decision to move forward with T2 and ITS, 7-11/24 Tom and ITS walk through to get kiosk numbers, discussions concerning fees, hours, permits, future parking needs, implementation 12/24 Purchase of Kiosks for Phase I and II.

1/25 Developing Working Parking Plan recommendations, 2/25 Parking Consultant Hired, 3/25 Construction of Parking Bureau and hiring of Bureau Chief complete, survey sent out to Business Collation and added to the City's Website, 4-5/25 continued work on Parking Plan, budget, Phases and strategizing

<u>Phase I implementation</u>, **6/25** Informational sheet sent out in the water bill. 7/25 necessary code changes and Phase I kiosk installation

# **Timeline**

#### Phase I - (Summer 25)

- \* 72 South Front Street Long Term Parking
- \* 3 EV charging stations with 6 ports to be added to Long Term Lot
- \* Kiosk Placement in Short Term Municipal Lots (to be called Short Term Public Parking) at Union St., Columbia St.(2), and Warren St (2)
- \* Permit by Plate for residents and business staff (special program)

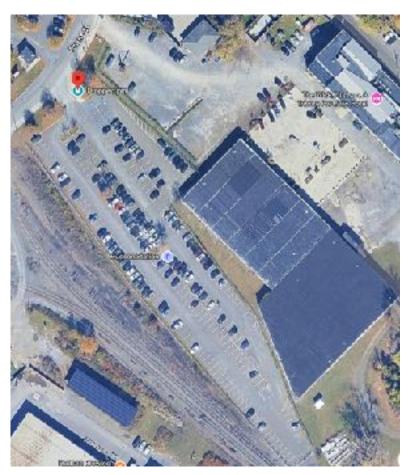
#### Phase II - (Summer 25)

\* Kiosk Placement - Warren St. between 1st-3rd and 8th Street and Worth Ave.

#### Phase III - (Summer/Fall 25)

- \* Kiosk Placement Warren between 3rd and 8th Street
- \* Accessibility Parking for people with disabilities (special program)

16 Kiosks were delivered Feb. 4th for Phase I and II and The Parking Bureau is ready for installation of Phase I July 17th, to test the system and work toward transition from the old meters to kiosks.



# Phase I - South Front Street Long Term Parking Lot Situation at the start of 2024

Parking Spots- 171 numbered spots, 72 reserved (99 permits sold)
Total number of spots 243
(reserved signs taken down as permits are phased out)

Payment - Park Mobile app or via direct payment at Kiosk. \* Park Mobile is only used in the Front St Lot.

#### Price -

For non-permitted parking is \$10 +.60(transaction fee) per 24hrs

Revenue from Park Mobile (not permits) was \$248,510 in 2023 and 2024 revenue as of June was \$156,390.

#### Reasons for Phasing out Parking Permits at South Front St. Long term parking:

- \* Residents and visitors unable to pay the upfront fee of \$1000 for a permit were paying \$10 a day as opposed to \$2.74 a day for permitted parkers.
- \* As of January '24 the city had sold 28 more permits than there were reserved spots, causing **problems** when all of the reserved spots were full.
- \* Loss of revenue. \$10(Non-permitted) \$2.75(permitted) = Loss of \$7.25 a day per space \$7.25 X 99 permits = \$717.75 x 365 days = \$261,978.75 a year. Even if those 99 people Were parking in the long term parking lot only 4 days a week it would still be a loss of \$146,421.

## **Currently**

Hudson - South Front Street Long Term Lot \$10 a day or \$50 a week (comparable to Rensselaer)

#### Pay rates other cities have put in place for parking:

Rensselaer Rail Station - <a href="https://www.cdta.org/news/parking-rate-changes-rrs">https://www.cdta.org/news/parking-rate-changes-rrs</a> Garage - \$14 a day, \$70 a week (no other options) \$3,640 a yr. Surface - \$8 a day, \$50 a week (no other options) \$2,600 a yr.

Poughkeepsie Train Station - <a href="https://rrparking.com/locations/poughkeepsie/">https://rrparking.com/locations/poughkeepsie/</a> Metro-North receives both federal and state money...Hudson receives 0. Poughkeepsie is less densely populated and does not have the parking needs that Hudson does. 12 months \$387.09, 6 months \$225.98, 3 months \$122.18, 24 hours \$6.50



#### Phase I - Short Term Parking Lots - Summer 2025

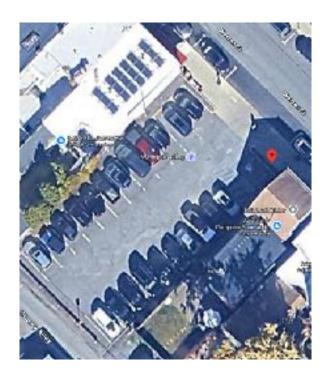
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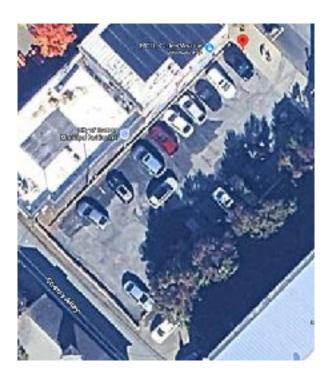
- \* Newly rebranded "Municipal Lot" signage stating parking rules with a QR code which links to a map to all public lots (short and long term).
- \* .75 per hour, no stay over 10 hours without a resident or business Permit by Plate
- \* Option to pay at the Kiosk or via Text2Park Mobile Pay
- \* Future repave and line municipal lot at 361-365 Warren as it is underutilized because of deterioration
- \* Kiosks should have decals which read THIS KIOSK FOR SHORT TERM LOT ONLY NO ON STREET PARKING PAYMENT to prevent tickets and so that data is correct





# \* <u>Kiosk Placement - Municipal Lots at 309-313 and 361-365 Warren -</u> Short Term Parking







\*Kiosk Placement - Municipal Lot at 607 Union St.- Short Term Parking.



\*Kiosk Placement - Municipal Lot at 525 Columbia St - Short Term Parking



\*Kiosk Placement -Municipal Lot at 327 Columbia St - Weekends Only 8am - 6pm no overnight parking

#### Phase II - Summer 2025

- \* Kiosk Placement Warren St. between 1st-3rd and 8th and Worth
  - \* Inquiries regarding heated sidewalks to be made via flyers preceding installation.
  - \* There will be 2 kiosks per block one kiosk on either side of the street located in the middle of the block.
  - \* Accessibility Parking free parking for people with disabilities application to be filled out online. There will be a \$50 yearly application fee.
  - \* Payment can be made at kiosks or via text2park
  - \* \$1 an hour for the first 2 hours plus a .40 convenience fee if paying with a credit card. Stays over 2hrs become \$2 an hour (consultant).







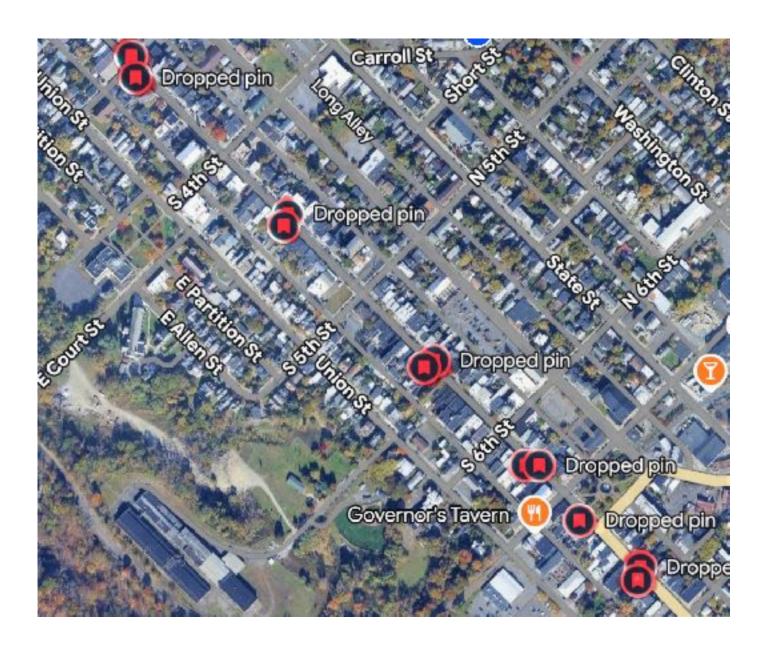






## Phase III - Summer/Fall 2025.

\* Kiosk Placement - Warren between 3rd and 8th Street



# **Payment**

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiwCFRCIUAs



### **Pricing**

South Front St. Long Term Municipal Lot - intended for commuters and residents who are traveling.

\$10 a day or \$50 a week

first payment to be made at the Kiosk using the car's plate number & Kiosk zone PCode. The user can text to pay for extended time.

<u>Short Term Municipal Lots - intended for local business staff and residents</u>. 75 cents an hour. Stay not to exceed 10 hours.

"Permit by Plate" program will replace hanging permits which will end in December 2025 (we will need a resolution in Nov) \$500 yearly fee \$250 for 6 months - online application with proof of address or employment in Hudson The last time permit fees increased was 2012

#### **On Street Parking**

\$1 an hour for the first 2 hours \$2 for every hour after that-(recommendation of the consultant)

Recommendation of the Finance Committee to keep it \$1 an hour without an up-charge - currently there is a 2hr limit. If the limit stays - add to signage

"Accessibly Parking" program for people with disabilities. There will be ans online application. Residents must reapply yearly for a fee of \$50 - will need proof of disability.

The last time on street and municipal hourly rates increased was five years ago. Our on street parking rates have not been raised since 2012 and are some of the lowest in the Hudson Valley.

Albany - \$2.30 (to \$8 depending on zone and vehicle) an hour, Kingston \$1.30, Cold Spring \$2 an hour, Rhinebeck \$1 an hour

- -permits phase out we will potentially gain \$150,000 a year at the long term lot.
- -Increase Short Term Municipal Lot revenue by 50%
- \*After Phase II and the addition of kiosks to 5 additional blocks we have the potential to create 50% more Warren Street parking revenue.
- \*After Phase III and the replacement of antiquated meters with kiosks and the above fee adjustments we will:
- -Prevent piggy backing
- -Double on Street Parking revenue

<sup>\*</sup>After Phase I

#### **Future**

- \* LPR to read plates while driving for ease of enforcement. \$53,872.60
- \* Create New Public Lot between Ferry St and Water St currently a gravel lot \$175,000 for paving and lining.
- \* Paving and Lining of Public Lots on Warren St
- \* Decked parking South Ferry St and North 7th St 12-15million ask for developers help/grants
- \* EV trolley bus to take people from lots -up and down Warren St \$250,000 help from developers and Columbia County
- \* Payment in Lieu of Parking reinstate parking minimums for development of of Warren and ask for PILOP where there is inadequate parking. This fund could help pay for the projects above.
- \* Find a solution to overcrowding on lower Union and Allen making Streets one way sticker resident permits to be places on plates.