

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2017

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BEACON**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING
CHAPTER 223 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEACON**

A LOCAL LAW to
amend Chapter 223,
Article III, Section 26
Subsection C concerning
Off-Street Parking.

A LOCAL LAW to amend Chapter 223, Article III, Section 26 concerning the specific parking specifications for off-street parking.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Beacon as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 223, Article III, Section 26, Subsection C of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Location, use, design, construction and maintenance” is hereby amended as follows:

§ 223-26. Off-Street parking, loading and vehicular access.

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C. Location, use, design, construction and maintenance.

- (1) Location. The off-street parking facilities which are required by this section shall be provided on the same lot or premises with such structure or land use; except that off-street parking spaces required for structures or land uses on two or more adjoining lots may be provided in a single common facility on one or more of said lots, provided that a binding agreement, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel, assuring the continued operation of said parking facility during the life of the structure or the land use the parking is designed to serve, is filed on the land records

prior to approval of the plans for said parking facility. In any residence district, no off-street parking facility shall be developed in any required front yard or in any required side or rear yard adjacent to a street line or in any other side or rear yard within five feet of the lot line. However, off-street parking spaces shall be permitted in residential districts as indicated in § 223-17C.

(2) Parking Specifications

- (a) Each parking space provided in an unenclosed area shall be at least nine feet wide and at least ~~20~~ 18 feet long, except that the Planning Board, in approving a plan under § 223-25, may permit that portion of the total required parking which is specifically set aside for and limited to employee parking to have a width of at least 8 1/2 feet and a depth of at least ~~20~~ 18 feet. This possible exception shall not be permitted in the CB District.
- (b) Each parking space which is bordered by walls or columns on two or more sides shall be not less than 10 feet wide nor less than ~~20~~ 18 feet long. Enclosed or garaged parking areas shall not contain any columns, walls or other obstacles which would prevent or obstruct the use of any parking space.
- (c) The maneuvering area needed to permit parked vehicles to enter and exit off-street parking spaces shall have a width of at least ~~25~~ 24 feet, except where the Planning Board approves a lesser distance as adequate for areas with parallel or angled parking spaces ~~and except where such area is also utilized for the through circulation of vehicles, in which case a minimum width of at least 30 feet shall be provided.~~

- (3) Landscaping. Except for parking spaces accessory to a one-family dwelling, all off-street parking areas shall be ~~curbed and~~ landscaped with appropriate trees, shrubs and other plant materials and ground cover, as approved by the Planning Board based upon consideration of the adequacy of the proposed landscaping to assure the establishment of a safe, convenient and attractive parking facility with a minimum amount of maintenance, including plant care, snowplowing and the removal of leaves and other debris. At least one tree with a minimum caliper of three inches at a height of four feet above ground level shall be provided within such parking area for each 10 parking spaces

- (a) Wherever possible, planting islands, at least eight feet in width, shall be provided to guide vehicle movement and to separate opposing rows of parking spaces so as to provide adequate space for plant growth, pedestrian circulation and vehicle overhang. Such planting islands and the landscaping within them shall be designed and arranged in such a way as to provide vertical definition to major traffic circulation aisles, entrances and exits, to channel internal traffic flow and prevent indiscriminate diagonal movement of vehicles and to provide relief from the visual monotony and shadeless expanse

of a large parking area. ~~Curbs of such islands shall be designed so as to facilitate surface drainage and prevent vehicles from overlapping sidewalks and damaging landscaping materials.~~

- (b) The Planning Board may require curbing to facilitate surface drainage and prevent vehicles from overlapping sidewalks and damaging landscaping materials. ~~In all off-street parking areas containing 25 or more parking spaces, at least 10% of the total parking area shall be curbed and landscaped with trees, shrubs and other plant materials.~~
 - (c) No obstruction to driver vision shall be erected or maintained on any lot within the triangle formed by the street line of such lot, the outer edge of the access driveway to the parking area and a line drawn between points along such street line and access drive 30 feet distant from their point of intersection.
- (4) Grades, drainage, paving and marking. All proposed and required parking facilities, regardless of size, shall be graded, surfaced, drained and maintained throughout the duration of their use so as to comply with the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual, as amended from time to time, and/or Chapter 190, Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control, of this Code, or other acceptable stormwater management practice(s), as deemed suitable to the City Engineer to the extent necessary to avoid nuisances of dust, erosion or excessive water flow across public ways or adjacent lands. The drainage analysis for said parking facilities shall include pre- and post-development conditions as well as remediation and/or mitigation of stormwater runoff. The maximum slope within a parking area shall not exceed 5%. In RD and RMF Districts and in nonresidential developments, the Planning Board shall require the provision of suitable markings to indicate individual parking spaces, maneuvering area, entrances and exits.
- (5) Traffic circulation. In order to encourage safe and convenient traffic circulation, the Planning Board may require the interconnection of parking areas via access drives within and between adjacent lots. The Board shall require written assurance and/or deed restrictions, satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, binding the owner and his heirs and assignees to permit and maintain such internal access and circulation and inter-use of parking facilities.
- (6) Two or more uses on same lot. Where two or more different uses occur on a single lot, the total amount of parking facilities to be provided shall be the sum of the requirements of each individual use on the lot, except that the ~~Board of Appeals~~ Planning Board may approve the joint use of parking space by two or more establishments on the same lot or on contiguous lots, the total capacity of which is less than the sum of the spaces required for each, provided that said Board finds that the capacity to be provided will substantially meet the intent of this article by reason of variation in the probable time of maximum use by patrons or employees at such

establishments and provided that such approval of such joint use shall be automatically terminated upon a change of use at any such establishment.

(7) Designed residence and multifamily residence districts.

- (a) In RD and RMF Districts, in order that some of the required parking spaces may be convenient for use by visitors as well as by occupants, 2/3 of the required car spaces for a residential building shall be directly accessible to the normal approach from the street to each a main entrance to that building and within 100 feet of that entrance. ~~Upon recommendation from the Planning Board that a specific parking plan will provide comparable convenience of parking space location, the City Council may so modify the above requirement in approving any specific apartment development plan.~~
- (b) In RD or RMF Districts, ~~not more than 50% of the required parking shall be provided in enclosed or garaged areas. Roofed areas, open on at least two sides, shall be considered open or unenclosed spaces. off-street parking lots shall be located behind, underneath, or to the side of the building. Any parking to the side of the building shall be screened from street views by a low wall, hedge, fence, and/or other landscaping and, whenever possible, it shall be located at least 40 feet from any property line that fronts on a street.~~

Section 2. Ratification, Readoption and Confirmation

Except as specifically modified by the amendments contained herein, Chapter 223 of the City of Beacon is otherwise to remain in full force and effect and is otherwise ratified, readopted and confirmed.

Section 3. Numbering for Codification

It is the intention of the City of Beacon and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this

Local Law shall be included in the Code of the City of Beacon; that the sections and subsections of this Local Law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; that the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this

Local Law; that the word “Local Law” shall be changed to “Chapter,” “Section” or other appropriate word as required for codification; and that any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this Local Law or the provisions of the Code affected thereby.

Section 4. Severability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their petition to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part hereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt there from.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.