

ORDINANCE NO. 3880

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TRAFFIC, ARTICLE IV, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, OF THE BROKEN ARROW CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ADDING SECTION 23-149, RESERVED PARKING FOR DESIGNATED CITY OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING TOWING OF UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, recognizes the need to ensure efficient and accessible operations at City Hall and other municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, designating reserved parking spaces for specific city officials, such as the City Manager, facilitates operational efficiency, accessibility, and the performance of essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to establish clear regulations for the designation and enforcement of reserved parking spaces on municipal property to promote order and compliance with applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow has the authority under Oklahoma Statutes, Title 11, and its municipal charter to regulate parking on public property and enforce violations thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. A new Section 23-149 – Reserved Parking for Designated City Officials shall read as follows:

Sec. 23-149. – Reserved Parking for Designated City Officials

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to designate reserved parking spaces on municipal property for specific city officials to ensure operational efficiency, accessibility, and the effective performance of governmental duties.
- (b) Designation of Reserved Parking Spaces.
 - (1) The City Manager, or their designee, is authorized to designate specific parking spaces at City Hall and other municipal facilities as reserved for the exclusive use of designated city officials, including but not limited to the City Manager, for purposes of operational efficiency, accessibility, or security.
 - (2) Reserved parking spaces shall be clearly marked with signs indicating the reserved status, specifying the designated official or position (e.g., “Reserved for City Manager”), and providing notice that unauthorized vehicles are subject to towing at the owner’s expense. Signage shall comply with applicable state and local regulations, including visibility and content requirements.

(c) Prohibited Parking.

- (1) No person shall park a vehicle in a reserved parking space designated under this section unless the vehicle is operated by or transporting the city official for whom the space is reserved.
- (2) Unauthorized vehicles parked in a reserved parking space in violation of this section shall be subject to citation and/or towing at the vehicle owner's expense.

(d) Enforcement.

- (1) The Broken Arrow Police Department, or any designated parking enforcement authority, is authorized to enforce this section by issuing citations or arranging for the towing of vehicles parked in violation of this section.
- (2) Towing of unauthorized vehicles shall comply with Oklahoma Statutes, Title 47, and applicable provisions of the Broken Arrow Municipal Code, including proper notification to the vehicle owner and use of a licensed towing service.
- (3) The City shall maintain a record of towed vehicles and provide a process for vehicle owners to contest towing in accordance with state and local law.

(e) Penalties.

- (1) Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.00 per occurrence, in addition to any towing and storage fees incurred.
- (2) Repeated violations may result in additional penalties as provided by the Broken Arrow Municipal Code.

(f) Severability. If any provision of this section is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this section, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances found to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. An emergency exists for the preservation of the public health, peace, and safety and therefore this ordinance shall become effective from and after the time of its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED and the emergency clause ruled upon separately this 14 day of July, 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

(SEAL) CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

CITY ATTORNEY