

**Policy Committee Meeting
September 27, 2021**

Committee Chair John McCurry, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilors John McCurry, Jr. and Norman Belanger;
Committee Members Renee O'Neil and Nathan Bean

Councilor Doris Ortiz was excused.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Carmen Morris, Police Chief Roger Beaupre,
Chief Operating Officer, Brian Phinney

The Committee and all who were present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment to the Agenda:
Move discussion of Traffic Analysis to beginning

Discussion of Main Street Traffic and Parking Study:

Police Chief Roger Beaupre gave an explanation of the traffic and parking study that was conducted on Main Street, between Emery Street and Foss Street. (A copy of the traffic study can be found on the City's website as part of this meeting's agenda packet). Chief Beaupre discussed the fact that this section of Main Street does not meet road width specifications that would allow for parking on both sides of the street. He further discussed different options for the Committee to consider to make this particular area safer for travel, which included restricting parking to compact vehicles only; and establishing no parking on one side of the street.

Acceptance of Minutes: August 10, 2021

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member O'Neil to accept the minutes as printed.
Vote: Unanimous.

*Discussion/Approval: **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-91 – Limited Parking/
Add on Main Street for Compact Vehicles ONLY***

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 – No Parking**, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Main Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet west of the perpendicular sight line with the northwest corner of the intersection with Emery Street, thence westerly for a distance of 204 feet to Laconia Street, parking for compact vehicles ONLY, two hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays, and excepting for those spaces that have been designated elsewhere in this chapter for disability parking, loading zone, or otherwise.

Main Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet west of the perpendicular sight

line with the northwest corner of the intersection with Emery Street, thence westerly for a distance of 204 feet to Laconia Street, parking for compact vehicles ONLY.

Motion by Member Bean, seconded by Councilor Belanger to recommend passage of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member Bean to table this ordinance amendment so that updated language can be prepared and those businesses in the area of question can be notified of the impending parking change. This item is to be brought back at the October Policy Committee meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion/Approval: Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-1 – Definitions/Add Compact Vehicle

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I In General, **Section 42-1 Definitions**, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Sec. 42-1 Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

COMPACT VEHICLE

The United States EPA defines a small, or compact, car as having **between 100-109 cubic feet of combined passenger and cargo volume**. According to them a compact car also needs to be between 161 and 187 inches long.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member O'Neil to recommend passage of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member O'Neil to table this ordinance amendment so that a width limitation can be added to the definition. This item is to be brought back at the October Policy Committee meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion/Approval: Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-91 – Limited Parking/Add on Main Street, at intersection with Emery Street, for Tricycles and Motorcycles

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-91 Limited Parking**, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Main Street, odd-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet west of the northwest corner of the intersection with Emery Street, thence westerly for a distance of 30 feet, parking for vehicles operating with three (3) wheels or less, including but not limited to tricycles and motorcycles.

There was no motion.

*Discussion/Approval: **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-90 - No Parking/Add on Main Street, from Foss Street to Laconia Street***

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Main Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point of the perpendicular sight line with the northeast corner of the intersection with Foss Street, thence westerly to Laconia Street, No Parking.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member O'Neil to recommend passage of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member O'Neil to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk