

## **ORDINANCE NO.**

### **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE II OF THE CITY OF JOLIET CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH 2 HOUR FREE STREET PARKING, WEEKDAYS 7 A.M. – 7 P.M., IN ZONES A, B AND C IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Joliet seeks to provide free parking in designated areas to enhance accessibility and convenience for residents and visitors, thereby supporting downtown businesses by attracting more customers and fostering economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Joliet desires to amend its parking regulations to reflect these changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Joliet is a Home Rule Municipality, under and pursuant to §6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, and has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, subject to the limitations set forth in the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, PURSUANT TO ITS HOME RULE AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**by the City Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois, that the following amendments be made to Chapter 19, Article II of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances:**

#### **SECTION 1:** Findings

The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the remainder of this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

#### **SECTION 2:** Amendment to Section 19-176(b)

##### **[Amended language in bold]**

That Chapter 19, Article II, Section 176(b) of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances shall be amended by adding paragraphs (3) through (5) as follows:

**(3) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be parked on Jefferson Street between Joliet Street and Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Cass Street between Joliet Street and Eastern Avenue, and Chicago Street between Washington Street and Jackson Street, in Zones A, B, and C between 3 A.M. and 5 A.M.**

**(4) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be parked for more than 2 hours in Zones A , B, and C between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M. from Monday through Friday and excluding holidays as defined in Section 2-7 of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances**

**(5) There shall be no re-parking outside of the 2-hour limit within the same Zone during the hours of 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.**

#### **SECTION 3:** Repeal of Section 19-191

That Chapter 19, Article II, Section 191 of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances shall be repealed.

**SECTION 4:** Amendment to Section 19-193

**[Amended language in bold]**

That Chapter 19, Article II, Section 193 of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 19-193. Rates.

Unless otherwise specified in this article, **Zone A, which is bounded by Cass Street to Washington Street and Joliet Street to the railroad tracks, Zone B, which is bounded by Crowley Avenue to Cass Street and Joliet Street to the railroad tracks, and Zone C, which is bound by Cass Street to Jefferson Street and Mayor Art Schultz Drive to Eastern Avenue, will have a street parking rate of zero dollars (\$0.00) per hour.**

**Parking restrictions in Zones A, B, and C shall be in effect from Monday through Friday, excluding holidays as defined in Section 2-7 of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances.**

**SECTION 5:** Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on September 1, 2025, following its passage and approval required by law.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**MAYOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY CLERK**

VOTING YES: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING NO: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_