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Downtown Mount Vernon is becoming friendlier on March 1st!

MOUNT VERNON – Beginning March 1st, all two hour parking spaces in the downtown will be changed to 3 hour parking in an effort to allow shoppers and visitors to enjoy the historic downtown for a longer period of time without having to move their cars. “We are finding that as the downtown becomes more and more of a destination, people want to spend more time here” noted Mayor Jill Boudreau. “We have not only increased the allowable parking time downtown, but have also reduced the fine for parking tickets, except for those who are very frequent offenders” said Mayor Boudreau.

Beginning March 1st, parking tickets will be only \$10 (reduced from the previous rate of \$20) but will ratchet up to \$15 if you receive another ticket within a year. Those who are frequent offenders and accumulate multiple tickets in a year will pay on an increasing scale with a maximum of \$100 for the seventh ticket in a year.

A new inventory of parking in the downtown conducted by the City identified 1300 public parking stalls, and a total of 2350 parking stalls including public and private spaces. “Parking regulations are only in effect during weekday business hours (6am-6pm), so after hours, weekends and holidays are also great times to come down and enjoy historic downtown Mount Vernon” said City Councilman Gary Molenaar, who helped spearhead the changes in parking regulations.

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