ORDINANCE NO. 43-18

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland repealing Richland Municipal Code Chapter 2.19 related to management of the municipal parking areas.

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1994, Richland City Council passed Ordinance No. 26-94, authorizing creation of the Central Business District Parking Committee, which was intended to be a standing committee consisting of merchants and/or property owners adjacent to the Uptown and Downtown (i.e., The Parkway) parking areas tasked with reviewing requests for use of the City's newly-acquired parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, the parking committee contemplated by Ordinance No. 26-94 was never fully empaneled, with City records indicating that only two (2) appointments to the committee were made, occurring over twenty years ago in March of 1995; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 29-03 on July 1, 2003 to create the Uptown Business Improvement District (UBID). Since that time, the UBID has fulfilled the City's needs and expectations with regard to parking issues concerning the Uptown, thereby rendering the Central Business District Parking Committee obsolete as it relates to the Uptown; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 03-07 on February 6, 2007 to create the Downtown Business Improvement District (DBID). Since that time, the DBID has fulfilled the City's needs and expectations with regard to parking issues concerning The Parkway, thereby rendering the Central Business District Parking Committee obsolete as it relates to The Parkway; and

WHEREAS, there are no other municipal parking lots with similar characteristics to those at The Parkway and the Uptown that would benefit from the work of the Central Business District Parking Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City has need, from to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code to bring the code into alignment with current practices and to eliminate conflicts and ambiguities; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with an overall effort to streamline administration of the City's various boards, commissions and committees, the City is undertaking this housekeeping action to repeal the 1994 Central Business District Parking Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. RMC Chapter 2.19, entitled Management of the Municipal Parking Areas, enacted by Ordinance No. 26-94 and last amended by Ordinance No. 31-03 and the 2011 recodification, shall be amended to read as follows:

~~Chapter 2.19~~
~~MANAGEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING AREAS~~

~~**Sections:**~~

~~**2.19.005 Purpose.**~~
~~**2.19.010 Central business district parking committee created.**~~
~~**2.19.020 Removal – Vacancies.**~~
~~**2.19.030 Meetings, officers, records, and quorum.**~~
~~**2.19.040 Duties of the committee.**~~
~~**2.19.050 Expenditures – Budget.**~~
~~**2.19.060 Staff assistance.**~~

~~2.19.005 Purpose.~~

~~The purpose and intent of this chapter is to establish and make available a standing committee consisting of merchants and/or owners of property in the uptown and downtown parking areas to review those requests for use of facilities submitted to the committee. The committee will develop criteria, regulations, insurance and liability requirements and code of conduct for the users who are approved to use the uptown and downtown parking areas during the calendar year. Fees shall be established based upon criteria established by the committee and administered by the city of Richland. The committee will provide the function of formulating and recommending to the deputy city manager for community and development services a decision to accept or deny an application for use of the facility. A primary consideration shall be the impact such use may have on businesses currently located in the uptown and downtown parking areas. The recommendation to the deputy city manager for community and development services shall be made in writing within five days of the meeting to review the application. The decision will be forwarded to community and development services group in order to be communicated to the applicant. It is understood that this is a recommendation only and the ultimate determination on use shall remain with the city.~~

~~2.19.010 Central business district parking committee created.~~

~~There is created within the city of Richland the central business district parking committee. The committee will be composed of five merchants or owners appointed by the city council. To qualify for service on the committee, the member must either own or operate a business in the Uptown Shopping Center or own property in the Uptown Shopping Center. In the event that the city acquires ownership of the downtown shopping area parking lots, eligibility for membership will also be extended to those who operate businesses or own property in the downtown shopping area and the size of the committee~~

~~will be expanded to seven persons. Members shall serve staggered two-year terms and until their successors are appointed and confirmed.~~

~~The members of the committee shall be selected by the city council without regard to political affiliation and shall serve without compensation. The committee shall consist of the current president of the uptown merchants association, the first past president of that association and one member of the association with a demonstrated interest in increasing business activity in the uptown business area.~~

~~Additionally, the current president of the uptown property owners' association and another interested property owner will constitute the membership of this committee. If the ownership for the downtown parking areas are acquired and the membership of the committee increases, the committee shall also include the current president of the downtown merchants association and one other member of the association with a demonstrated interest in increasing business activity in the downtown business area. Efforts shall be made to include members on the committee who are available in the community so as to make the process efficient and allow for timely review and response to applicants. Selection of members shall follow established procedures as set forth in RMC 2.04.120. The city of Richland will be represented at the review meetings by a member of the community development staff for early involvement and to prepare for smooth administration and communication.~~

~~2.19.020 Removal – Vacancies.~~

~~The committee may, by majority vote, recommend to the city council the removal of an appointed member upon such grounds as may be deemed appropriate by the committee. The city council, by majority vote, may remove any appointed member of the committee and declare the position vacant. Unexcused absences from any two consecutive meetings shall be grounds for removal. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner used for regular appointments to the committee.~~

~~2.19.030 Meetings, officers, records, and quorum.~~

~~A. The committee shall elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson and create and fill such other offices it may determine it requires. The committee shall meet initially for the purpose of establishing its operating procedures. It will then meet only at such time as an application has been received by the city for use of municipally owned property in the central business district. A written record shall be kept of its meetings and the recommendations it makes to the city.~~

~~B. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the decision to make a recommendation to the city.~~

~~2.19.040 Duties of the committee.~~

~~The committee shall perform the following duties:~~

~~A. The committee shall serve as a representative of central business district interests in reviewing and recommending to the community and development services group the calendar of uses for the municipally owned parking area.~~

~~B. The committee shall maintain a written log of activities in which it is involved and shall report to the city council in written format annually of its involvement on behalf of the city.~~

~~2.19.050 Expenditures – Budget.~~
~~The expenditures of the committee shall be limited to city of Richland staff involvement. The committee itself shall not receive any funding by the city of Richland and members shall serve as volunteers without compensation. There shall be no additional services or facilities provided by the city of Richland.~~

~~2.19.060 Staff assistance.~~
~~The city's community and development services group shall provide staff liaison assistance to the committee and shall serve to facilitate communications by the committee to the city council and to applicants for use of the parking area. The community and development services group will be responsible for coordinating the activities of other municipal departments involved in parking area maintenance and financing as they relate to the committee's deliberations.~~

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 7th day of August, 2018.

ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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