

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING SECTION 3-2 AND SUBSECTION 4-10(D) OF THE NORTH CHARLESTON  
CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING REGULATIONS, REGARDING DESIGN STANDARDS  
FOR OFF-STREET PARKING**

Whereas, the City of North Charleston is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and incident to this authority, the City of North Charleston regulates zoning; and

Whereas, the City of North Charleston is, by South Carolina statute, empowered to enact zoning regulations to govern development within its boundaries; and

Whereas, the City of North Charleston finds the parking space dimensions specified in the parking ordinance are appropriate to surface parking lots, but could be refined for parking garages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, THAT SECTION 3-2 AND SUBSECTION 4-10(D) OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON BE HEREBY AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

**Section 3-2. - Definitions:**

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*Parking space.* An area ~~not less than nine (9) feet wide and not less than nineteen (19) feet in length~~, exclusive of passageways and necessary maneuvering space, that is used or intended to be used for temporary vehicle storage.

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**Section 4-10. – Off-street parking required:**

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(d) *Design standards for off-street parking:*

1. *Standard parking dimensions.* Standard off-street parking spaces shall have a minimum dimension of nine (9) feet wide by nineteen (19) feet long, which is a total dimension of one hundred seventy-one (171) square feet.
2. *Compact parking dimensions.* Compact off-street parking spaces shall have a minimum dimension of eight (8) feet in width by fifteen (15) feet in length, which is a total dimension of one hundred twenty (120) square feet. The size of not more than twenty-five (25) per cent of the required parking spaces may be reduced to compact parking.
3. *Handicapped parking dimensions.* Handicapped parking space size and quantity shall be determined by Building Code and federal regulations and not factored into the compact parking space calculation.
4. *Parking garages:*

- a. Minimum width for standard parking spaces is 8'6"; for compact spaces 7'6".
- b. Minimum parking bay depth (two standard parking spaces and an aisle) is 60' for 90° parking; for 60° parking with one-way traffic, the minimum depth is 54', for 45° parking with one-way traffic, the minimum depth is 49'.
- c. Parking garages may provide compact car spaces at a rate of up to forty percent (40%) of the total parking spaces provided.
- d. Handicapped parking space size and quantity shall be determined by Building Code and federal regulations and not factored into the compact parking space calculation.

THE WITHIN ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS RATIFICATION BY CITY COUNCIL.

Ordained in City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, the 242<sup>nd</sup> year of Independence of the United States of America.

  
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