

## **ORDINANCE BILL NO. 1-26**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE DOWNTOWN PARKING DISTRICT;  
AMENDING SRC SECTIONS 7.070, 7.080, 7.090 AND 102.045; REPEALING SRC  
SECTIONS 7.060, 7.100, 7.110, 7.120, 7.130; 7.135; 7.140; 7.150; 7.160; 7.170; 7.180;  
7.190; 7.200; 7.210; 7.220; 7.240 AND 7.250.

*The City of Salem ordains as follows:*

**Section 1.** SRC chapters 7 – Downtown Parking District and 102 – Parking - are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein.

**Section 2. Findings.** Ten years of downtown parking utilization studies have recommended replacement of the current Downtown Parking District model with a performance based on-street paid parking management system. The Downtown Parking District system taxes downtown businesses an annual parking tax that partially funds the operating costs of the district along with parking permit fees. In July 2025, paid on-street parking was implemented in the Downtown Parking District. Revenues from paid on-street parking in the Downtown Parking District are sufficient to warrant repealing the Downtown Parking Tax retroactively to July 1, 2025. The proposed amendments are consistent with Oregon law and the purpose and intent of the chapter, to provide for paid parking within the Downtown Parking District and the enforcement thereof and are in the public interest.

**Section 3. Fiscal Year 2026 Parking Tax to be refunded.** All monies collected from the tax assessed for fiscal year 2026, starting on July 1, 2025, through the enactment of this ordinance will be refunded to the taxpayers not later than July 1, 2026. All unpaid taxes that became due on July 1, 2025 through the enactment of this ordinance are hereby waived. All unpaid taxes due prior to July 1, 2025, remain past due and are not waived. The City reserves all rights and remedies to collect past due tax not waived by this ordinance.

**Section 4. Codification.** In preparing this ordinance for publication and distribution, the City Recorder shall not alter the sense, meaning, effect or substance of this ordinance, but within such limitations, may:

- (a)** Renumber sections and parts of sections of the ordinance;
- (b)** Rearrange sections;

- (c) Change reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters, sections or other parts;
- (d) Delete references to repealed sections;
- (e) Substitute the proper subsection, section or chapter, or other division numbers;
- (f) Change capitalization and spelling for the purpose of uniformity;
- (g) Add headings for purposes of grouping like sections together for ease of reference; and
- (h) Correct manifest clerical, grammatical or typographical errors.

**Section 5. Severability.** Each section of this ordinance, and any part thereof, is severable, and if any part of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTEST:

## City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by: Dana Deklyen