

ORDINANCE 2026-19

AN ORDINANCE RESTATING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF TITLE VII OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, after full investigation, deems it in the best interests of the citizens of Columbia City and to preserve their public safety and welfare to modify and amend Chapter 71 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain provisions of Chapter 71 should be amended to provide clarity and for updating purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, ORDERED, AND ESTABLISHED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, that Chapter 71 should be amended and updated as follows:

Section 1. Certain provisions of §71.01, Definitions, of the City's Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

IMPROVED SPACE. A section of a lot defined by concrete, asphalt, gravel, or crushed stone deep enough to prevent rutting and subsoil pushing through, with a positive boundary, for the purpose of parking a vehicle. The area may be entered via a driveway, curb cut, or accessed across the lot, except where adjacent to a paved street where there is no curb.

VEHICLE. Any device in, on, or by which any person or property is or may be transported on a highway, including but not limited to mobile campers, boats, motorcycles, mopeds, trailers, wagons, and unplated or pull-behind machinery.

Section 2. §71.06(C) under Violations shall be amended as follows:

(C) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any of the following places:

(1) On a sidewalk.

(2) On grass, dirt, or any other surface that is not an approved Improved Space.

Section 3. §71.06(H) under Violations shall be amended as follows:

(H) Exceptions. Division (C)(2) does not apply to non-motorized bicycles, play vehicles, strollers, or fully assembled, operational residential lawn care equipment. Authorized emergency, utility, and city maintenance vehicles are exempt from section (C) while on official duty.

Section 4. §71.10, IMPOUNDING OF UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLE; REDEMPTION, shall be amended to state as follows:

Any police officer, or designated civilian agent, on discovering any vehicle parked or stopped in violation of this chapter, may cause the vehicle to be removed by an authorized private towing service to a private impound lot. A vehicle towed away for illegal parking shall be released to the owner only upon payment of all standard towing and storage fees directly to the private towing company. The impoundment and release of a vehicle by a private company does not waive or satisfy any parking fines or penalties owed to the city under § 71.06(E).

Section 5. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance in which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

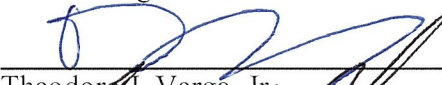
Section 6. This Ordinance shall be of full force and effect from and upon its adoption and in accordance with Indiana law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, this 9th day of June, 2026.

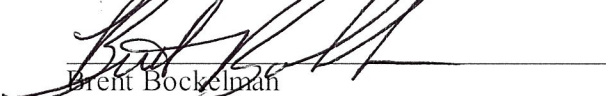
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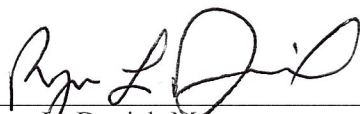
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Attest:



Leslee R. Robinson, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 9th day of June, 2026.



Ryan L. Daniel, Mayor
City of Columbia City