

## **AGENDA ITEM 4A**

**Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text  
Amendments – Section 7.08 (Off-Street  
Parking: Parking for Individuals with  
Disabilities) – City of La Vista**

# Memorandum



**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Christopher Solberg, City Planner  
**Date:** 7/13/2016

**Re:** Public Hearing regarding text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 7.08 (Off-Street Parking: Parking for Individuals with Disabilities).

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Upon staff review of Section 7.08 (Off-Street Parking: Parking for Individuals with Disabilities), it was concluded an update to the regulations was warranted. The proposed changes add a separate column for the required Minimum Number of Van-Accessible Parking Spaces within the table in Section 7.08.01. Additional minor changes are proposed to increase the number of accessible spaces that shall be served by an access aisle.

Redline copies of the aforementioned sections are attached.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments.

### **Section 7.07 Off-street Parking: Shared Parking requirements**

7.07.01 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.06, in cases of shopping centers having 400,000 or more square feet of gross floor area and where parking and building patterns are such that overlapping uses of a majority of the total number of parking spaces in the center is likely to occur, compliance with the standard retail parking ratios may be decreased by the Planning Commission and City Council. Said request for a decrease in parking spaces shall be accompanied by a rezoning to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and the request is made during the PUD application process. All regulations of the PUD District shall be adhered to within the development.

7.07.02 Where convention centers, conference centers, assembly halls, ballrooms, or other similar facilities are built in conjunction with a hotel, office park, or shopping center, the Planning Commission and City Council may permit the construction of fewer parking spaces, due to overlapping usage of a portion of the parking spaces. Said request for a decrease in parking spaces shall be accompanied by a rezoning to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and the request is made during the PUD application process. All regulations of the PUD District shall be adhered to within the development.

### **Section 7.08 Off-Street Parking: Parking for Individuals with Disabilities**

7.08.01 In conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Nebraska Accessibility Guidelines, if parking spaces are provided for self-parking by employees or visitors, or both, then accessible spaces shall be provided in each parking area in conformance with the table in this section. Spaces required by the table need not be provided in the particular lot. They may be provided in a different, if equivalent or greater accessibility, in terms of distance from an accessible entrance, cost and convenience, is ensured.

Total Parking Spaces	<u>Column A</u> Required Minimum Number of Accessible Spaces	<u>Column B</u> Minimum Number of Van-Accessible Parking Spaces (1 of six available spaces)
1 to 25	1	1
26 to 50	2	1
51 to 75	3	1
76 to 100	4	1
101 to 150	5	1
151 to 200	6	1
201 to 300	7	2
301 to 400	8	2
401 to 500	9	2
501 to 1,000	2 percent of the total	<u>1/6 of Column A</u>
1,001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000	<u>1/6 of Column A</u>

7.08.02 Except as provided *in* Section 7.08.02.01 of this Ordinance, access aisles adjacent to accessible spaces shall be sixty (60) inches (1525 mm) wide minimum. (*Ordinance No. 899, 2-04-03*)

7.08.02.01 One (1) in every eight (8)(6) accessible spaces, but not less than one, shall be served by an access aisle **ninety-six (96) inches** (2440 mm) wide minimum and shall be designated "van accessible" as required by Section 7.08.04 of this Ordinance. The vertical clearance at such spaces shall comply with 7.08.05 of this Ordinance. All such spaces may be grouped on one (1) level of a parking structure.

Parking access aisles shall be part of an accessible route to the building or facility entrance. Two (2) accessible parking spaces may share a common access aisle. **Except for angled parking spaces which must have access aisles located on the passenger side of the parking spaces.**

7.08.02.02 Parked vehicle overhangs shall not reduce the clear width of an accessible route. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be level with slopes not exceeding 1:50 (2%) in all directions.

7.08.02.03 If passenger-loading zones are provided, then at least one (1) passenger loading zone shall comply with 7.08.06 of this Ordinance. At facilities providing medical care and other services for persons with mobility impairments, parking spaces complying with 7.08 of this Ordinance shall be provided in accordance with 7.08.01 of this Ordinance: except as follows:

1. Outpatient units and facilities: ten percent (10%) of total number of parking spaces spaces provided serving each such outpatient unit or facility;

2. Units and facilities that specialize in treatment or services for persons with mobility impairments: twenty percent (20%) of the total number of parking spaces provided serving each such unit or facility.

7.08.02.04 Valet parking: valet parking facilities shall provide a passenger loading zone complying with 7.08.06 of this Ordinance located on an accessible route to the entrance of the facility. Sections 7.08.01, 7.08.02.01, and 7.08.02.03 of this Ordinance do not apply to valet parking.

7.08.03 Location of accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance.

7.08.03.01 In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility.

7.08.03.02 In buildings with multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

7.08.04 Signage of accessible parking spaces shall be designated as reserved by a sign showing the symbol of accessibility. Spaces complying 7.08.02.01 shall have an additional sign "Van Accessible" mounted below the symbol of accessibility. Such signs shall be located so they cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space. ADA mandates at least 60in above ground surface measured from the bottom of the sign

7.08.05 Minimum vertical clearance of one hundred fourteen (114) inches (2895mm) at accessible passenger loading zones and along at least one vehicle access route to such areas from site entrance(s) and exit(s). At parking spaces complying with 7.08.02.01, provide minimum vertical clearance of ninety-eight (98) inches (2490mm) at the parking space and along at least one vehicle access route to such spaces from site entrance(s) and exit(s).

7.08.06 Passenger Loading Zones shall provide an access aisle at least sixty (60) inches (1525mm) wide and twenty (20) feet (240inches) (6100mm) long adjacent and parallel to the vehicle pull-up space. If there are curbs between the access aisle and the vehicle pull-up space, then a curb ramp complying with accessibility standards shall be provided. Vehicle standing spaces and access aisles shall be level with surface slopes not exceeding 1:50 (2%) in all directions.