

**Watertown City Council**

May 28, 2019

**Agenda Item: Special Parking Provisions****Request for Action: Discussion & Direction****Department: Shane Fineran, City Administrator****Background:**

Mario Cortolezzi, owner of Mario's Italian Kitchen located at 201 Lewis Avenue S, is requesting that the City Council consider amendment and or special exemptions be made to the municipal code section 54-57 (d), Special Parking Provisions.

This provision dictates that:

*"Trucks, trailers, buses, recreational vehicles and commercial vehicles. No person shall park or leave standing any truck of one ton or larger, trailer, bus, recreational or commercial vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, avenue, alley, or municipal parking lot within the city unless it is in the actual process of being loaded or unloaded and only for the reasonable time of such loading or unloading."*

The extended parking of the Mario's Italian Kitchen food truck is potentially in violation of this municipal code section regulating parking and at risk of being ticketed by law enforcement under this provision. This code section is enforced City wide.

Staff is seeking discussion and direction to whether or not a special parking exemption policy shall be created or shall the code section be amended and to what effect.

**Funding Source:**

Not Applicable

**Attachments:**

Code Section 54-57

Sec. 54-57. - Special parking provisions.

- (a) *Overnight parking generally.* No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, avenue, alley or municipal parking lot within the city for a period of time longer than 24 consecutive hours.
- (b) *Winter parking.* No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, avenue, alley or municipal parking lot within the city between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1.
- (c) *Downtown business district.* The following restrictions apply in the areas as noted in the downtown business district:
  - (1) No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any part of Lewis Avenue between the intersection of Fremont Street SW and Angel Avenue SW and Territorial Street or upon the south side of Territorial Street between Angel Avenue and the Crow River Bridge, as marked, for a period of more than two hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except on Sundays and holidays.
  - (2) No vehicle shall be parked or left standing at any time on the north side of Territorial Street between Angel Avenue and the Crow River Bridge.
- (d) Trucks, trailers, buses, recreational vehicles and commercial vehicles. No person shall park or leave standing any truck of one ton or larger, trailer, bus, recreational or commercial vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, avenue, alley, or municipal parking lot within the city unless it is in the actual process of being loaded or unloaded and only for the reasonable time of such loading or unloading.
- (e) *Loitering in municipal parking lots.* No person shall loiter or congregate in any municipal parking lot within the city.

(Ord. No. 147, §§ 1, 2, 12-18-84; Ord. No. 386, § 1, 5-26-15)

**State Law reference**— Manner of parking, M.S.A. § 169.35.