AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending Section 9.38.060 of the Kent City Code, entitled “Two (2) hour parking zones,” increasing the parking to four (4) hour parking zones.

RECITALS

A. Right Size Parking (RSP) is a three year grant project funded by the Federal Highway Administration’s Value Pricing Pilot Program and managed by King County Metro. The overarching goal of the project is to foster livable communities by optimizing the allocation of parking resources.

B. The amount of parking is optimized, i.e., right sized, when it strikes a balance between supply and demand, and the challenge lies in determining the correct balance with confidence.

C. King County Metro approved the Kent Policy Demonstration Project to provide for the implementation of a pilot project supporting jurisdictional parking policy change that enables priced and ‘right-sized’ parking in downtown Kent. The overall objective of this Project is to
ensure parking is managed for livability and economic development within the downtown area through right-sizing the parking supply.

D. With support from King County Metro and the City of Kent, Rick Williams Consulting (RWC) conducted a comprehensive study of parking occupancy and utilization in downtown Kent. Information derived from this study was used to (a) develop a better understanding of the actual use dynamics of parking within the downtown on a ‘typical day,’ (b) provide a foundation of objective data upon which meaningful parking management strategies can be established and implemented and, (c) assist the community in taking advantage of opportunities that will strengthen Kent’s downtown and adjoining commercial areas. Strategies developed will result in better management of on-street parking to support smart growth for multifamily development as it is integrated into the downtown. Right-sizing will also minimize the impact of off-street parking on land use and support a more compact urban form that is well connected to transit and other alternative mode systems (e.g., bike, walk, rideshare).

E. The consultant team identified challenges and barriers for downtown parking strategies to address, including among other strategies, consistent information of parking expectations to businesses, employees, and customers; support of a long-term goal of assuring that customers get priority to on-street/curb access to downtown businesses; specifically dedicated employee parking; and focused enforcement of parking policies.

F. Recommended near-term strategies for solving the parking challenges in downtown include creating distinct parking areas to reduce conflicts between visitors and employees, and initiating limited parking enforcement activities in the downtown to assure existing time zones are honored and system utilization/turnover is operating as intended.

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NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. —Amendment.  Section 9.38 of the Kent City Code, entitled, “Parking,” is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 9.38.060. Two (2) hour parking zones.

A. Except for KCC 9.38.070 and permits issued by the city facilities manager under KCC 9.38.170, at such times as the director of public works or designee shall place the appropriate sign, it shall be illegal to park any motor or other vehicle for an uninterrupted period in excess of two (2) hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on either side of, unless otherwise indicated, the following streets, public parking lots, public parking garages, or portions thereof:

1. Centennial Parking Garage: that portion of the first floor as posted.

2. City Hall parking lot between City Hall and the Centennial Building: all parking stalls unless otherwise posted.

3. East Pioneer Street: from Central Avenue North easterly approximately one hundred fifty (150) feet to the alley east of Central Avenue North, south side only.
4. First Avenue North and First Avenue South: from a point two hundred (200) feet north of West Meeker Street to West Titus Street.

5. Railroad Avenue North and Railroad Avenue South: from East James Street to East Meeker-Smith Street, east side only; and from East Meeker-Smith Street to East Gowe Street.

6. Ramsay Way: from two hundred thirty (230) feet east of 4th Avenue North to three hundred fifty (350) feet east of 4th Avenue North.

7. Ramsay Way: from four hundred forty (440) feet east of 4th Avenue North to five hundred twenty (520) feet east of 4th Avenue North, south side only.

8. Ramsay Way: from four hundred eighty (480) feet east of 4th Avenue North to five hundred twenty (520) feet east of 4th Avenue North, north side only.

9. Ramsay Way: from thirty (30) feet north of West Temperance Street to one hundred fifty (150) feet north of West Temperance Street.

10. Second Avenue North and Second Avenue South: from West Harrison Street to West Titus Street and the two (2) marked parking stalls on the east side of West Titus Street.

11. State Avenue North and State Avenue South: from East Smith Street to East Meeker-Gowe Street.

12. West Gowe Street and East Gowe Street: from Fourth Avenue South to Central Avenue South.

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13. West Meeker Street and East Meeker Street: from Fourth Avenue to State Avenue.

14. West Harrison Street: from Fourth Avenue North to Second Avenue North.

15. West Titus Street: from Second Avenue South to First Avenue South, north side only.

Provided, that this section shall not apply on Sundays or holidays.

B. Penalty. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction punishable by a monetary penalty of thirty dollars ($30). Vehicles parked in violation of this section are subject to impoundment as provided by law.

Sec. 9.38.065. Four (4) hour parking zones.

A. Except for KCC 9.38.070 and permits issued by the city facilities manager under KCC 9.38.170, at such times as the director of public works or designee shall place the appropriate sign, it shall be illegal to park any motor or other vehicle for an uninterrupted period in excess of four (4) hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on either side of, unless otherwise indicated, the following streets, public parking lots, public parking garages, or portions thereof:

1. Railroad Avenue North and Railroad Avenue South: from East Smith Street to East Gowe Street.
Provided, that this section shall not apply on Sundays or holidays.

B. Penalty. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction punishable by a monetary penalty of thirty dollars ($30). Vehicles parked in violation of this section are subject to impoundment as provided by law.

**Sec. 9.38.070 Holiday parking – Penalty.**

A. From the day after Thanksgiving until January 2nd of the following year, all two (2) hour parking zones shall be considered three (3) hour parking zones, and it shall be illegal to park any motor or other vehicle for an uninterrupted period in excess of three (3) hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the roadways designated in KCC 9.38.060 as two (2) hour parking zones. There shall be no enforcement of limited duration parking restrictions, in those zones designated for two (2) hour parking, on Saturdays during the period from the day after Thanksgiving until January 2nd of the following year.

B. A violation of this section shall be an infraction and punishable by a monetary penalty of fifty dollars ($50). Vehicles parked in violation of this section are subject to impoundment as provided by law.

**SECTION 2. – Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection numbering; or references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.
SECTION 3. - Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and that remaining portion shall maintain its full force and effect.

SECTION 4. - Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage and publication, as provided by law.

Suzette Cooke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald F. Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arthur Fitzpatrick, Acting City Attorney

PASSED: 3rd day of June, 2014.

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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 4114 passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

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