ORDINANCE NO. 4322

AN ORDINANCE of the city council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending the Kent City Code to address residential and commercial on-street parking issues by: (1) amending section 9.38.060 to add streets to the locations with two-hour parking limits, (2) amending section 9.38.065 to add streets to the locations with four-hour parking limits during business hours and establishing a new four-hour parking zone to be in effect at all times, and (3) amending section 9.38.175 to establish a new residential parking zone for the Mill Creek Neighborhood and near Kentridge High School.

RECITALS

A. Kentridge High School has limited parking available on-site for its students. This has led parking to spill over into residential areas south of the school impacting the surrounding neighborhoods. Specifically, students have been observed parking in the Glencarin Division 1, Shadow Run, and Jason Lane residential neighborhoods. Council desires to address these neighborhood impacts.

B. Sound Transit’s “Sounder” train station, Kent Station, is located between James Street and Smith Street between Railroad Avenue and First Avenue North. Sounder operations began in late 2000. A parking garage was constructed for the Sounder commuters as well as surface lots and some on-street parking.

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C. In recent years, ridership on the Sounder has increased significantly. With the success of the Sounder, Sound Transit has increased train operations between Lakewood and Seattle by adding an additional round trip in 2016 and two additional round trips in 2017. Cities on the Sounder South route, including Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn and Kent have experienced parking challenges associated with the Sounder’s increase in ridership as the parking designated for Sounder commuters becomes fully occupied very early in the morning on most weekdays. This has led Sounder commuters to spill over and park in unintended areas. Specifically in Kent, Sounder commuters have been observed parking in the Mill Creek residential neighborhood.

D. Sound Transit is currently designing a project that will construct a second parking garage downtown, however, that parking garage is not scheduled to open until approximately 2023. While Sound Transit continues to address the parking needs of its riders, the City has an immediate need to address the impact to the Mill Creek Neighborhood by adding parking time limits to some locations and creating a residential parking zone.

E. Finally, West Smith Street has recently experienced an increase in the number of vehicles parking on the street for extended periods of time and at all hours of the day, which limits the availability of and turnover of parking.

F. To address these issues and ensure that there is adequate parking for both residential and commercial needs, this ordinance amends various sections of Chapter 9.38 of the Kent City Code to add additional time limited parking in a number of new locations and to establish two new residential parking zones, “Kent RPZ No. 2,” within the Mill Creek Neighborhood and “Kent RPZ No. 3” near Kentridge High School. The
administration of the residential parking zone will be at no cost to neighborhood residents.

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

ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. - Amendment. Section 9.38.060 of the Kent City Code, entitled “Two-hour parking zones,” is amended as follows:

Sec. 9.38.060. Two-hour parking zones.
A. Two-hour parking limit. Except as provided for under KCC 9.38.070 and 9.38.170, at such times as the director of public works or designee shall place the appropriate sign, or the facilities superintendent for municipal parking facilities, it shall be illegal to park any motor or other vehicle for an uninterrupted period in excess of two hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on either side of, unless otherwise indicated, the following streets, parking lots, parking garages, or portions thereof:

1. Centennial Parking Garage: that portion of the first floor as posted or otherwise marked. A vehicle that displays a valid disabled parking placard or disabled license plate is exempt from the two-hour limitation.

2. City Hall parking lot between City Hall and the Centennial Building: all parking stalls unless otherwise posted or marked. A vehicle that displays a valid disabled parking placard or disabled license plate is exempt from the two-hour limitation.

3. Clark Avenue North: from East Smith Street to East Temperance Street, west side only.
34. East Pioneer Street: from Central Avenue North easterly approximately 150 feet to the alley east of Central Avenue North, south side only.

45. First Avenue North and First Avenue South: from a point 200 feet north of West Meeker Street to West Titus Street.

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


78. Ramsay Way: from 440 feet east of 4th Avenue North to 520 feet east of 4th Avenue North, south side only.

89. Ramsay Way: from 480 feet east of 4th Avenue North to 520 feet east of 4th Avenue North, north side only.

910. Ramsay Way: from 30 feet north of West Temperance Street to 150 feet north of West Temperance Street.

1011. Second Avenue North and Second Avenue South: from West Harrison Street to West Titus Street.

1112. State Avenue North and State Avenue South: from East Smith Street to East Gowe Street.

1213. West Gowe Street and East Gowe Street: from Fourth Avenue South to Central Avenue South.

1314. West Meeker Street and East Meeker Street: from Fourth Avenue to State Avenue.

1415. West Harrison Street: from Fourth Avenue North to Second Avenue North.

1516. 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 $30. Vehicles parked in violation of this section may be towed and impounded as provided by law.

**SECTION 2. - Amendment.** Section 9.38.065 of the Kent City Code, entitled “Four-hour parking zones,” is amended as follows:

**Sec. 9.38.065. Four-hour parking zones.**

A. **Four-hour parking limit—during business hours.** Except as provided for under KCC 9.38.070 and 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 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. East George Street: from Central Avenue North to State Avenue North.

2. State Avenue North: from 175 feet south of East George Street to north end of road, west side only.

3. 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. **Four-hour parking limit—at all times.** Except as provided for under KCC 9.38.070 and 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 hours at any time on either side of, unless otherwise indicated, the following streets, public parking lots, public parking garages, or portions thereof:

1. West Smith Street: from 64th Avenue South to Washington Avenue.
Bc. **Penalty.** Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction punishable by a monetary penalty of $30. Vehicles parked in violation of this section may be towed or impounded as provided by law.

**SECTION 3.** - **Amendment.** Section 9.38.175 of the Kent City Code, entitled “Residential parking zone” is amended as follows:

**Sec. 9.38.175. Residential parking zone.**
A. **Purpose of residential parking zone.** The city establishes this residential parking zone (RPZ) program in response to parking concerns expressed by residents of the neighborhood surrounding destinations that are expected to generate significant demand for offsite parking in those neighborhoods, the Kent Events Center and as required to mitigate parking impacts of those destinations—the events center. This RPZ program will reserve parking on the surface streets in the RPZs established herein north Park Neighborhood for neighborhood owners, residents, and their visitors, who might otherwise be displaced by visitors to these destinations—by visitors to or employees of the events center.

B. **Residential parking zone established.**
   1. The following described area, also known as the North Park Neighborhood, is established as Kent RPZ No. 1: That area bounded on the west by Fifth Avenue North, to the south by West James Street, to the north by State Route 167, and to the east by the Burlington Northern main line (First Avenue North). Residential parking zone permits are required at all times to park in Kent RPZ No. 1.
   2. The following roadways or portions thereof, within the area known as the Mill Creek Neighborhood, are established as Kent RPZ No. 2:
      a. Cedar Street: from Clark Avenue North to Jason Avenue North.
      b. Clark Avenue North: from 150 feet north of East Smith Street to East Temperance Street, east side only.
c. Clark Avenue North: from East Temperance Street to East James Street.

d. East George Street: from State Avenue North to Woodford Avenue North.

e. East Temperance Street: from Kennebeck Avenue North to Jason Avenue North.

f. Jason Avenue North: from East Smith Street to East James Street.

g. Kennebeck Avenue North: from East Temperance Street to north end of road.

h. State Avenue North: from East James Street to 175 feet south of East George Street.

i. State Avenue North: 175 feet south of East George Street to north end of road, east side only.

j. Woodford Avenue North: from East James Street to north end of road.

Residential parking zone permits are required to park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays to park in Kent RPZ No. 2.

3. The following roadways or portions thereof, within portions of Glencarin Division 1, Shadow Run, and Jason Lane are established as Kent RPZ No. 3:

a. 124th Avenue Southeast: from Southeast 208th Street to Southeast 211th Street.

b. 125th Avenue Southeast: from Southeast 209th Street to north end of road.

c. 125th Avenue Southeast: from Southeast 209th Street to Southeast 211th Street.

d. 126th Avenue Southeast: from Southeast 208th Street to Southeast 211th Street.
e. 127th Place Southeast: from Southeast 208th Street to Southeast 211th Street.
f. Southeast 208th Place: from 126th Avenue Southeast to end of road.
g. Southeast 209th Street: from 170 feet west of 124th Avenue Southeast to 125th Avenue Southeast.
h. Southeast 209th Court: from 126th Avenue Southeast to end of road.
i. Southeast 210th Court: from 126th Avenue Southeast to end of road.
j. Southeast 210th Court: from 127th Place Southeast to end of road.
k. Southeast 210th Place: from 124th Avenue Southeast to end of road.
l. Southeast 210th Street: from 124th Avenue Southeast to end of road.
m. Southeast 211th Street: from 125 feet west of 124th Avenue Southeast to 124th Avenue Southeast.
n. Southeast 211th Street: from 125th Avenue Southeast to 160 feet east of 127th Place Southeast.

Residential parking zone permits are required between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays during the months of September through June, excluding holidays, to park in Kent RPZ No. 3.

C. **RPZ manager.** The mayor will appoint from city staff the RPZ manager who shall administer the RPZ program as set forth in this section. The duties of the RPZ manager may be carried out by more than one (1) person and may be delegated to the customer services division of the city's finance department as appropriate.

D. **Residential parking zone permit.** When properly issued and displayed, an RPZ permit or a visitor parking permit will authorize a vehicle
to park within the RPZ for which the permit was issued. A property is included within the RPZ only if its address includes, and/or sole access to the property is via, a street that is within the RPZ. The permit shall not guarantee a parking space, nor shall it exempt the vehicle or operator from observing zones where parking is otherwise prohibited, including but not limited to permanent or temporary no parking zones, loading zones, fire zones, and all zones where parking is regulated or prohibited by other applicable laws or regulations of the Kent City Code.

E. Permit eligibility.

1. Zone owners and residents. Permits may be issued only to persons who own property or reside in the RPZ established by subsection (B) of this section. At this time, all permits will be issued to RPZ owners and residents free of charge.

2. Resident visitors. The RPZ manager may issue additional permits to each residence within the RPZ for temporary use by residents’ visitors. Visitor permits may not be sold or redistributed for any purpose.

3. Government vehicles. Government vehicles will not be required to obtain permits for the purpose of conducting official business in the North Park Neighborhood. Government vehicles associated with the conduct of business at the Kent Events Center may not park in the RPZ.

F. Use and validity of permits.

1. The RPZ permit is valid only if displayed on the rear left window of the vehicle and only for so long as the permit holder owns or controls the vehicle and resides at the address for which the permit was issued.

2. A visitor parking permit shall be valid only if the hang tag is hung from the vehicle’s rearview mirror.

3. All permits shall expire on December 31, 2010, irrespective of the date of issuance. Reissuance shall be in accord with the process set
forth in subsection (G) of this section for a term to be determined by the RPZ manager.

G. *Issuance of permits.* The RPZ manager will send four (4) RPZ window decals to the owner of record and to the occupant of each dwelling unit or residence within the RPZ. In addition, the RPZ manager will send fifteen (15) hang tag visitor permits to each owner of record and the occupant of each dwelling unit or residence for temporary use. Each permit issued shall contain the number of the RPZ for which it was issued and a serial number for the permit, together with such other information as determined by the RPZ manager. The RPZ manager is authorized to issue additional RPZ and/or visitor permits, if a demonstrated need exists. Any RPZ resident may make application for additional necessary permits by returning to the RPZ manager a completed application supplied by the city identifying the additional permits required and the reason for the request. Additional permits will be issued at the discretion of the RPZ manager and at no cost at this time.

H. *Proof of ownership or residence.* The following will be sufficient proof of ownership or residence within the RPZ:

1. Appearance as owner of record on the King County recorder’s office website; or

2. A valid driver’s license showing residence at a current address located within the RPZ; or

3. A deed, lease, rental agreement, or other document which, at the discretion of the RPZ manager, establishes residency, and which shows residency within the RPZ.

I. *Revocation or denial of permits – Cause.* Any of the following shall be cause for the revocation or suspension of RPZ permits and/or visitor permits by the RPZ manager:

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1. The making of any false or misleading statement in application for a permit.
   2. The transfer to an unauthorized person or address.
   3. The alteration of a permit in any respect in order to gain privileges not authorized by the permit.
   4. The display on a vehicle of a permit that has been suspended or revoked.
   5. The sale of a permit and the receipt of anything of value in exchange for a permit.

J. Revocation or denial of permits – Process. If the RPZ manager finds that a RPZ permit or a visitor permit should be revoked or denied for any of the reasons set forth in subsection (I) of this section, the RPZ manager will send a written notice of revocation or denial to the permit holder, which notice shall contain the following information:
   1. That the permit is denied or will be revoked not sooner than ten (10) calendar days from the date of the letter.
   2. The reasons for permit revocation or denial.
   3. That unless a written notice of appeal is filed with the community development director not later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of the notice of revocation or denial, the permit will be deemed finally revoked or denied.
   4. That the basis for the appeal must be contained in the written notice of appeal.

K. Revocation or denial – Appeal. An applicant aggrieved by the RPZ manager’s revocation or denial of an RPZ or visitor permit may file a notice of appeal with the community development director who upon consideration of the written documentation submitted in the notice of revocation or denial and the notice of appeal will affirm, reverse, or modify
the revocation or denial decision, or order suspension for a specified period.

L. **Violation – Penalty.** Effective January 1, 2009, it shall be a parking infraction to park within the an RPZ unless the parked vehicle properly displays a valid RPZ permit or a visitor parking permit. Any violation of this section shall be an infraction 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 4. – Severability.** If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. – 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 6. – Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage, as provided by law.

DANA RALPH, MAYOR

Date Approved

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