

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

JULY 22, 2026

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 7:01 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

The roll call was taken with 4 members of the Committee on Infrastructure present:

If you are participating via Zoom, please state your presence, reason for not attending the meeting in person, and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Paula Johnson
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Chair

Members not in Attendance: Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith

Also in Attendance: Alderman John Sullivan (via Zoom)
Diane Mulholland, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Jill Stansfield, Parking Manager
Liz Hannum, Economic Development Director
Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Michael DuVarney, Fire Marshal
Jeff LaFleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works
Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen (R-26-046)

From: Sam Durfee, AICP, Planning Manager
Re: Referral from the Board of Aldermen on Resolution R-26-046, Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property

There being no objection, Chairman O'Brien accepted the communications and placed them on file.

Without objection, Chairman O'Brien suspended the rules to allow for two communications that were received after the agenda was prepared.

From: Thornton Tomasetti
Re: Proposed Ward 5 Overnight Parking Legislation

From: Dan Healey, City Clerk
Re: O-26-020 – Allowing Overnight On-Street Parking in Ward 5 from May 1 through October 31, Except on Certain Main Roads

There being no objection, Chairman O'Brien accepted the communications and placed them on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-046

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GREGG TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

R-26-051

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg

RELATIVE TO AUCTIONING TAX DEEDED PROPERTY

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GREGG TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-26-020

Endorsers: Alderman Paula Johnson
Alderman Thomas Lopez

**ALLOWING OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PARKING IN WARD 5 FROM MAY 1ST TO OCTOBER 31ST EXCEPT
ON CERTAIN MAIN ROADS**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GREGG TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT
MOTION CARRIED**

PETITIONS - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

O-26-004

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

- tabled at 4/22/26 meeting

O-26-005

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

- tabled at 4/22/26 meeting

- Petition - L Deerwood Drive – Lot H-103

Tabled at 2/28/24 meeting

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 8:50 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Committee Clerk

TO	Jill Stansfield	FROM	Andrew Hill
COMPANY	City of Nashua	DATE	July 20, 2026
RE	Proposed Ward 5 Overnight Parking Legislation	PROJECT NO	26025794.PR
CC	Liz Hannum	PROJECT NAME	Nashua Parking Management

At the request of the City of Nashua, Thornton Tomasetti (“TT”) reviewed a proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 320, Article XII (“Night Parking”.) This proposed amendment would authorize ‘overnight parking’¹ within Ward 5 between May 1st and October 31st with the exception of select streets² within the ward. In response to the request to review the referenced legislation, TT has the following comments:

1. Nowhere in the current Code of Ordinances in effect is there a listing “Private Streets” within the City of Nashua or Ward 5. This listing should be part of the Code of Ordinances to define those areas where codes pertaining to the use of public streets are not germane, especially within Ward 5 where there is a significant concentration of private roadways. This should be addressed prior to passage of the proposed amendment.
2. Nowhere in the current Code of Ordinances is stated that, in alignment with New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 262:32, any “...vehicle has been left unattended on any way or the right-of-way thereof for a period of greater than 24 hours” may be subject for removal and impoundment. This should be addressed prior to passage of the proposed amendment.
3. The language as proposed does not reference the terms and conditions noted under § 320-78.1 (“Overnight on-street parking program in designated downtown areas”) as germane to this amendment. As a result, the amendment could be read as authorizing any “...operator of any vehicle to park...” on any public street within Ward 5 between May 1st and October 31st with the exclusion of those streets named. This runs counter to existing ordinances which limit overnight parking on public streets within Nashua to qualifying permit holders as detailed in § 320-78.1. This should be addressed prior to passage of the proposed amendment.
4. The language also creates potential conflicts with § 320-73 (“Parking of tractor-trailer-trucks on certain streets”), § 320-77 (“Unregistered vehicles”), and § 320-77.2 (“Campers and recreational vehicles”) with the stipulation of “any vehicle” other those covered by

¹ Per § 320-78 (Parking time limits) of the Nashua Code of Ordinances: “Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for an operator of any vehicle to park the vehicle for a period longer than two hours between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., daily, on any public way in the City where overnight on-street permit parking is not allowed. It shall be unlawful for an operator of any vehicle to park the vehicle for any time period between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., daily, without a permit on the public ways where overnight on-street permit parking is allowed.”

² Buckmeadow Road, Conant Road, Depot Road, Gilson Road, Groton Road, Main Dunstable Road, and West Hollis Street.

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these existing ordinances. This should be addressed prior to passage of the proposed amendment.

5. Passage of this amendment should also be subject to, and not supersede, § 320-84 ("Leaving room for traffic"). This is a key ordinance maintaining clear right-of-way to public safety and service vehicles and should be addressed prior to passage of the proposed amendment.
6. The document does not include the following potential impacts which should be included within the "Fiscal Note" section, including, but not limited to:
 - a. The cost to install regulatory signage on all Ward 5 public roadways authorized to support overnight parking, indicating the practice is allowed in those areas during the prescribed dates.
 - b. The labor associated with registering permit holders within Ward 5.
 - c. The materials costs associated with registering permit holders within Ward 5.
 - d. The incremental increased labor costs associated with dispatching parking enforcement personnel through Ward 5 more than one per day to monitor compliance with the amendment.
 - e. The incremental increased labor costs associated with processing parking citations for individuals violating the terms of the amendment.
 - f. The incremental increased labor costs associated with adjudicating appealed parking citations for individuals ticketed for violating the terms of the amendment.
 - g. The anticipated increased revenues arising from successful collection of permit registration fees and valid citations issued in violation of the amendment.
7. The proposed amendment does not appear to include any reference to or input from the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works with regards to practical impacts from allowing large scale overnight parking along public streets within Ward 5. Before the amendment can be passed, it would seem appropriate to request all these agencies review the proposed changes and indicate whether critical services such as high-speed emergency response, trash pick-up, street sweeping, etc. might be adversely impacted and, if so, to what extent.

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Date: July 20, 2026

Subject: O-26-020 – Allowing Overnight On-Street Parking in Ward 5 from May 1 through October 31, Except on Certain Main Roads

To: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien Sr., Chair, and Members of the Committee on Infrastructure

I am writing to provide the Committee with additional information regarding O-26-020, which proposes allowing overnight on-street parking in Ward 5.

I would like the Committee to be aware that, following each decennial U.S. Census, ward boundaries may be adjusted through the redistricting process. As a result, some addresses may be reassigned to a different ward. Additionally, there are many streets where one side is located in one ward while the opposite side is located in another.

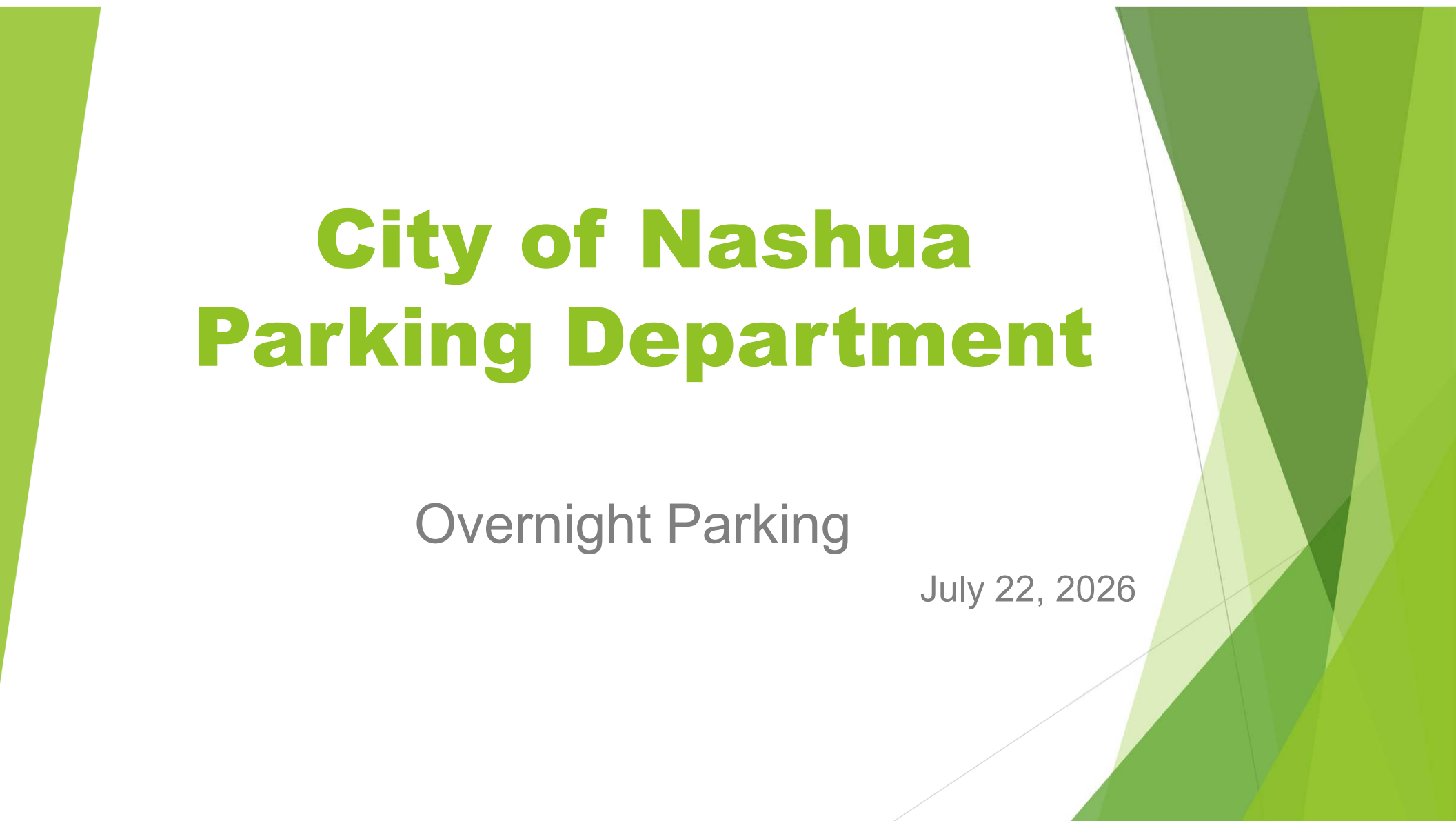
As the office responsible for administering elections across all nine wards, the City Clerk's Office regularly assists residents who are unsure which ward their address is located in. Although ward information is available on the City's website, many residents are not aware of their ward designation.

As written, an ordinance that applies only to Ward 5 may create confusion for residents attempting to determine whether overnight parking is permitted at their address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Daniel Healey
Nashua City Clerk



City of Nashua Parking Department

Overnight Parking

July 22, 2026

What Problem Are We Trying to Solve?

- ▶ *“The overnight parking exception process already provides flexibility while maintaining consistency and fairness citywide.”*
- ▶ **Key Consideration:** A process already exists to accommodate legitimate overnight parking needs.
- ▶ Residents can request overnight exceptions for:
 - ▶ Driveway paving
 - ▶ Construction projects
 - ▶ Overnight guests
 - ▶ Temporary hardships or special circumstances
- ▶ Appeals and courtesy relief are available when appropriate.
- ▶ The existing program provides flexibility while ensuring transparent and equitable treatment of all residents.

Current Program Works

Existing Overnight Exception Program

- ▶ ✓ Easy to access
- ▶ ✓ Responsive to resident needs
- ▶ ✓ Allows case-by-case review
- ▶ ✓ Supports legitimate temporary parking needs
- ▶ ✓ Provides accountability and oversight

Result

A balanced approach that offers flexibility without permanently changing citywide parking rules.

Why the Current Ordinance Matters

The current ordinance helps preserve:

- ▶ Order and predictability
- ▶ Consistent enforcement
- ▶ Clear public rights-of-way
- ▶ Emergency vehicle access
- ▶ Efficient trash collection
- ▶ Mail delivery access
- ▶ Neighborhood quality of life

It also helps prevent:

- ▶ Long-term vehicle storage
- ▶ Abandoned vehicles
- ▶ Camping in public rights-of-way
- ▶ Parking-related neighborhood conflicts

Consistency, Transparency & Fairness

Core Parking Department Principles

Consistency

- ▶ Same rules applied citywide.

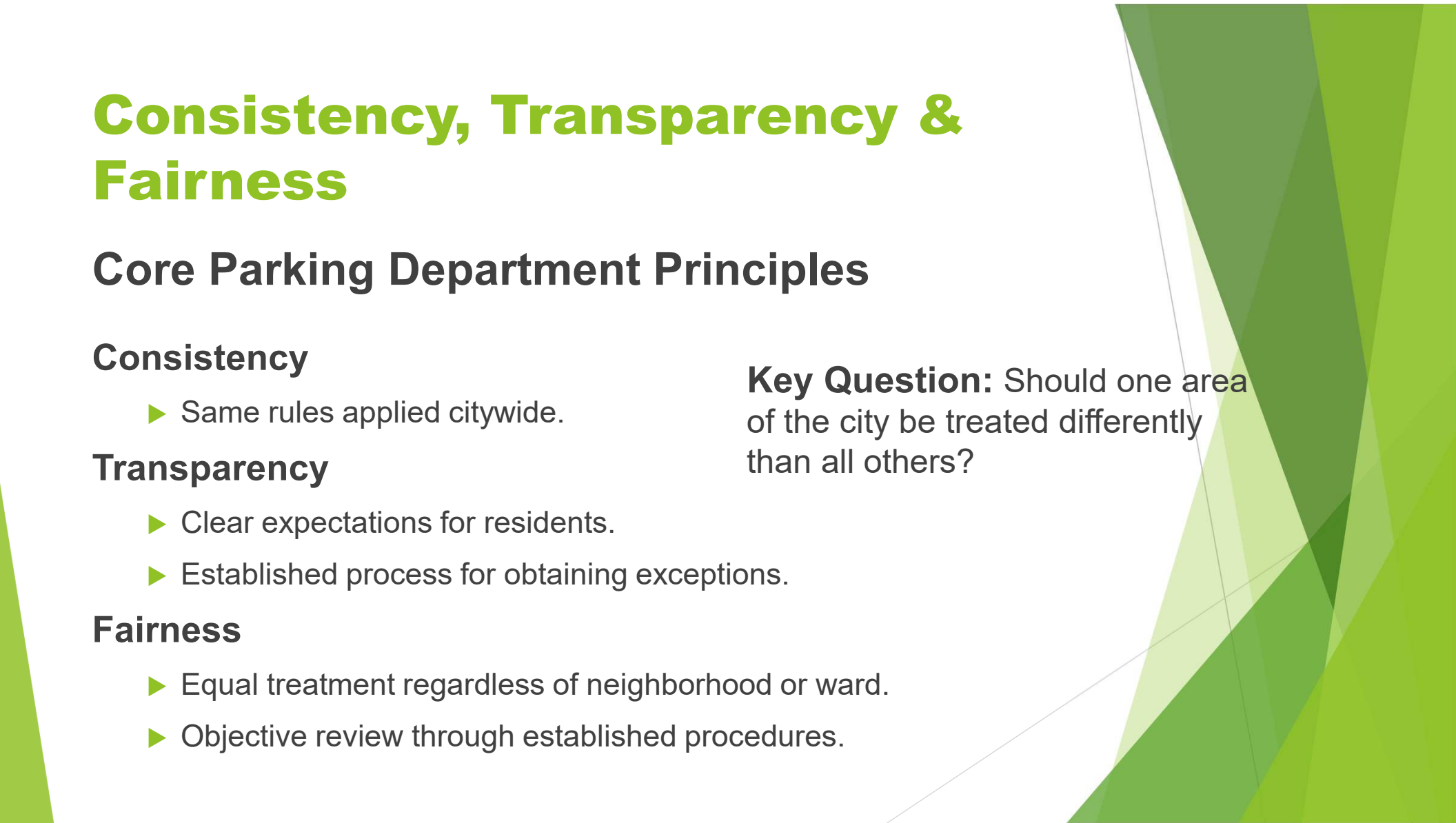
Transparency

- ▶ Clear expectations for residents.
- ▶ Established process for obtaining exceptions.

Fairness

- ▶ Equal treatment regardless of neighborhood or ward.
- ▶ Objective review through established procedures.

Key Question: Should one area of the city be treated differently than all others?



Potential Operational Impacts

Allowing seasonal overnight parking may increase:

- ▶ Complaint calls
- ▶ Enforcement demands
- ▶ Citation processing
- ▶ Appeals and adjudication
- ▶ Administrative workload
- ▶ Interdepartmental coordination

Additional Considerations

- ▶ Signage requirements
- ▶ Program administration
- ▶ Public education and outreach
- ▶ Ongoing compliance monitoring

Impacts Beyond Parking

This proposal affects more than parking enforcement.

Stakeholders Include:

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Public Works
- Parking Department
- Residents
- Board of Aldermen

Questions to Consider:

- Emergency access impacts?
- Trash collection impacts?
- Street maintenance impacts?
- Neighborhood quality-of-life impacts?

Fiscal Considerations

Potential costs may include:

- ▶ Regulatory signage
- ▶ Installation labor
- ▶ Program administration
- ▶ Enforcement staffing
- ▶ Citation processing
- ▶ Appeal hearings
- ▶ Ongoing monitoring

Before Moving Forward - A fiscal analysis should be conducted.

Due Diligence Still Needed

Before implementing a significant change to a long-standing ordinance:

- ✓ Identify the problem being solved
- ✓ Gather department feedback
- ✓ Evaluate operational impacts
- ✓ Evaluate fiscal impacts
- ✓ Seek community input
- ✓ Review ordinance conflicts and enforcement challenges

Parking Department Position

The Parking Department will administer whatever policy is adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

Our Professional Assessment

- ▶ The current overnight parking ordinance provides a balance between flexibility and order.
- ▶ Existing exception processes already addresses legitimate resident needs.
- ▶ Additional review and stakeholder input should occur before adopting a significant change.

Final Question

What Problem Are We Trying to Solve?

If the objective is to accommodate legitimate resident needs, a process already exists today that provides:

- ▶ **Flexibility**
- ▶ **Consistency**
- ▶ **Transparency**
- ▶ **Fairness**

All while protecting the City's public right-of-way and neighborhood quality of life.

Questions?

Contact the Parking Department

Need Temporary Overnight Parking?

The City already offers a simple process for requesting an overnight parking exception for legitimate temporary needs, including:

- ▶ Driveway paving or repairs
- ▶ Construction projects
- ▶ Overnight guests
- ▶ Temporary hardships
- ▶ Other special circumstances

Contact Us

parking@nashuanh.gov

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Our goal is to provide exceptional customer service while administering parking regulations with consistency, transparency, fairness, and respect for every resident.

Parking Department Contact Info

City of Nashua

~ Parking Department ~

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Questions?

