



**Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee**  
Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.  
City Service Center – 915 Quarrier Street – Conference Room

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Unfinished Business**

~~**Bill No. 8050** – A BILL to amend and reenact Sec. 114-579 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to requiring residential permit parking holders to park within the vicinity of their residence.~~

**3. New Business**

**Bill No. 8051** – A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, adopted January 1, 2006, as amended, by amending the sign regulations related to buildings over 10 stories in height in the Central Business District.

**Bill No. 8053** - A BILL to adjust PARKING PROHIBITED times on several streets, in order to accommodate street sweeping at a later time of day; and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

**Resolution No. 25-034:** Certifying that at the conclusion of the Capital Connector project involving the redevelopment of Kanawha Boulevard, the City Council for the City of Charleston will adopt an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Kanawha Boulevard to 30 miles per hour in a manner consistent with the approved redevelopment plans.

**4. Discussion**

**5. Approval of the Minutes of March 10, 2025, meeting**

**6. Adjournment**

**Bill No. 8051**

**Introduced in Council:**

**Adopted by Council:**

**Introduced by:**

**Referred to:**

**Mary Beth Hoover**

**Municipal Planning Commission  
Planning, Streets and Traffic**

1 **Bill No.** - A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, adopted January  
2 1, 2006, as amended, by amending the sign regulations related to buildings over 10 stories in height in  
3 the Central Business District.

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5 Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

6 The Zoning Ordinance for the City of Charleston, West Virginia, effective January 1, 2006, is hereby  
7 amended as follows:

8 **Table 24-080.01 On-Premise Signs Permitted in Commercial and Industrial Districts**

Type	Maximum Number	Maximum Area	Max. Height	Minimum Setback
<b>Signs Permitted in the CBD, CVD and UCD</b>				
Building Signplates	1 per public entrance	2 sq ft	NA	NA
Blade Signs	1 per public street front entrance	6 sq ft	NA	NA
Wall, Awning, Canopy, Projecting, or Marquee Signs	1 per business per building frontage*	1.5 sq ft per linear ft of building frontage*	NA	NA
Monument Signs	1 per building	32 sq ft	10 ft	3 ft from property line
Electronic Message Board (when in compliance with section 22-080-05)	1 per building	100 sq ft	18 ft	NA
Temporary Signs	2 per building	32 sq ft	4 ft	Flush against building
Instructional Signs	Exempt from regulations when in compliance with Sec. 24-080-06.			

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\*Buildings over 10 stories above grade use the following calculation for determining maximum permitted sign area: 3 sq ft per linear ft of building frontage. **Additionally, buildings over 10 stories are permitted a wall sign on each façade.**

**Planning Streets and Traffic Committee**  
**Staff Analysis**  
**April 15, 2025**

**REQUEST:** Bill No. 8051 - A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, enacted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2006, as amended, by amending the sign regulations related to buildings over 10 stories in the Central Business District.

**APPLICABLE CODE:** Charleston Zoning Ordinance, adopted November 21, 2005, **Table 24-080.01**

**STANDARD OF REVIEW:** The amendment is a change to the zoning ordinance, which requires a legislative decision. The Commission is charged with conducting a public hearing and making a recommendation to Planning Committee with final action being at City Council. The Commission should determine if the text amendment is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

**EXPLANATION:** Before you today is a proposed text amendment to allow wall signage on all 4 sides of a structure more than 10 stories in height in the Central Business District.



**EXHIBITS:** The area surrounded by the bright blue line in this image is the extent of the Central Business District.

Below, an image of the downtown showing the height of buildings. Fewer than 20 buildings would be impacted by the proposed change.



## **ANALYSIS:**

The Zoning Ordinance currently permits 1 wall sign at 1.5 sq ft per linear foot of building frontage in the CBD. This keeps signage to an appropriate scale on the 2, 3, and 4 story buildings that make up the majority of the downtown. For structures 10 stories and taller, the ordinance allows 1 wall sign at 3 sq ft per linear foot of building frontage. This helps to properly scale the signage to the building, but it fails to permit signage on all four sides regardless of street frontage. The proposed amendment fixes that.

**The Municipal Planning Commission on April 9<sup>th</sup>, unanimously recommended passage of the bill.**

## **RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS:**

Staff recommends **approval** for the following reasons:

1. The proposed change to the zoning ordinance will allow for appropriately scaled and positioned signage on structures over 10 stories in the downtown.
2. The text amendment is directed at fewer than 20 buildings in the downtown area, so the proposed change will not cause an increase in sign clutter nor impact the pedestrian-friendly feel of the downtown.

**Bill No. 8053**

**Introduced in Council:**

**April 7, 2025**

**Introduced by:**

**Emmett Pepper**

**Adopted by Council:**

**Referred to:**

**Planning, Streets and Traffic  
Committee**

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2 **Bill No. 8053** - A BILL to adjust PARKING PROHIBITED times on several streets, in order  
3 to accommodate street sweeping at a later time of day; and amending the Traffic Control  
4 Map and Traffic Control File, established by the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two  
5 thousand and three, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to  
6 conform therewith.  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the East End neighborhood of Charleston has some of the highest percentages  
9 of on-street parking in the city; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, since 1981, the city has had weekly sweeping in the East End and has restricted  
12 parking in order to accommodate that sweeping; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, without restricted parking, many streets in the East End could not be adequately  
15 swept, due to cars interrupting the flow of street sweepers; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the south sides of certain streets have sweeping on Tuesday mornings between  
18 9am and 12pm; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the north sides of certain streets have sweeping on Tuesday mornings between  
21 12pm and 2pm; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, the current street sweeping practices are not in alignment with the traffic control  
24 file; and  
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26 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to determine the best policy, the City has conducted outreach and  
27 received input from affected residents on the best tradeoff between adequate sweeping  
28 and minimal interruptions; and  
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30 **WHEREAS**, having sweeping during the same time of day, from 12pm to 2pm, on either side  
31 of affected streets was the best outcome; and  
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33 **WHEREAS**, any similarly-situated blocks in the city where parked cars obstruct sweeping  
34 efficacy may work with the City to determine if similar parking restrictions are merited; and  
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36 **WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the goals and objectives above, the City Council hereby adopts  
37 these changes to the Traffic Control File.

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40 **Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston, effective**  
41 **June 1, 2025:**

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43 Section 1. On the northerly side of the following streets, parking is prohibited from  
44 twelve o'clock p.m. until two o'clock p.m., each Tuesday, during the months of April  
45 through October; parking is permitted at all other times:

- 46 • Virginia Street East, from Brooks Street to Greenbrier Street; and
- 47 • Quarrier Street, from Brooks Street to Greenbrier Street; and
- 48 • Lee Street, from Brooks Street to Greenbrier Street; and
- 49 • McClung Street, from Elizabeth Street to Sidney Avenue; and
- 50 • Jackson Street, from Beauregard Street to Elizabeth Street; and
- 51 • Lewis Street, from Brooks Street to the alley between Thompson Street  
52 and Nancy Street; and
- 53 • Washington Street East, from Veazy Street and Michigan Street.

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55 Section 2. On the northerly side of the following streets, parking is prohibited from  
56 twelve o'clock p.m. until two o'clock p.m., each Thursday, during the months of April  
57 through October; parking is permitted at all other times:

- 58 • Virginia Street East, from Brooks Street to Greenbrier Street; and
- 59 • Quarrier Street, from Brooks Street to Greenbrier Street; and
- 60 • Lee Street, from Brooks Street to Greenbrier Street; and
- 61 • McClung Street, from Elizabeth Street to Sidney Avenue; and
- 62 • Jackson Street, from Beauregard Street to Elizabeth Street; and
- 63 • Lewis Street, from Brooks Street to the alley between Thompson Street  
64 and Nancy Street; and
- 65 • Washington Street East, from Veazy Street and Michigan Street.

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67 Section 3. On the westerly side of Margaret Street, parking is prohibited from twelve  
68 o'clock p.m. until two o'clock p.m., each Thursday, during the months of April through  
69 October; parking is permitted at all other times.

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71 Section 4. The Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of  
72 the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic  
73 Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, shall be and hereby are  
74 amended, to conform to this Ordinance.

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76 Section 5. All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby  
77 repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

**Resolution No. 25-034:**

**Introduced in Council:**

**April 7, 2025**

**Introduced by:**

**Mary Beth Hoover**

**Adopted by Council:**

**Referred to:**

**Planning/Streets & Traffic**

1 **Resolution No. 25-034:** Certifying that at the conclusion of the Capital Connector project  
2 involving the redevelopment of Kanawha Boulevard, the City Council for the City of  
3 Charleston will adopt an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Kanawha Boulevard to 30  
4 miles per hour in a manner consistent with the approved redevelopment plans.  
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6 **Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West**  
7 **Virginia:**  
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9 That at the conclusion of the Capital Connector project involving the redevelopment of  
10 Kanawha Boulevard, the City Council for the City of Charleston certifies that it will adopt an  
11 ordinance reducing the speed limit on Kanawha Boulevard to 30 miles per hour in a  
12 manner consistent with the approved redevelopment plans.

**Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee**  
Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.  
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**Members Present**

Mary Beth Hoover, Chair  
Jennifer Pharr, Vice Chair  
Pam Burka  
Kathy Rubio  
Bobby Haas

**Staff Present**

Dan Vriendt  
Terri Allen  
Matt Hartline  
Jessie Redden

**Absent**

John Gianola  
Becky Ceperley

**Public**

Chad Robinson  
Jake Smith

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Unfinished Business**

**3. New Business**

**Bill No. 8050** - A BILL to amend and reenact Sec. 114-579 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to requiring residential permit parking holders to park within the vicinity of their residence.

Chad Robinson explained the intent of the bill is to require people to park near the property their residential permit pass was issued to. The problem is, some people in the district monopolize the spaces closest to the Capital, making it hard for property owners to park near their own property.

Terri Allen and Jessie Redden raised concerns about the difficulty with regulating the ordinance as written. Terri Allen suggested looking at issuing different color permits for different blocks as a way of managing the issue better.

The Committee felt laying over the bill for further review was warranted.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** A motion was made by Jennifer Pharr to lay over Bill No. 8050. The motion was seconded by Bobby Haas and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

**4. Discussion**

**Handicap parking on Brooks Street**

Mary Beth Hoover explained a new medical facility opened on Books Street and they serve many disabled patients. There is now a need to designate an additional handicap on-street parking space. The request would designate the first space on Brooks Street as handicap accessible.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** A motion was made by Jennifer Pharr to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Kathy Rubio and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

#### **Crosswalk at Washington and Sidney Streets**

Matt Hartline explained that due to the amount of pedestrian traffic crossing Sydney Street, the city should readjust the stop bars and install high visibility piano key-type crosswalk markings.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** A motion was made by Jennifer Pharr to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Pam Burka and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2024, meeting**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** A motion was made by Jannifer Pharr to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

#### **Adjournment**

Jennifer Pharr made a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2025 Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee meeting.