

PRESS RELEASE

Winter Parking Changes come to Berlin beginning November 30th

In March of 2023, City Council approved an ordinance change for Winter Parking. Per City Ordinance 70-458, winter parking in Berlin runs from November 30 to March 30. Traditionally, residents needing to park on city streets during this time frame could apply for a winter parking permit at City Hall for \$25. With the ordinance change that passed in March, Berlin is now shifting from a permit-based system to an alternative side system without permits.

An alternative side winter parking system would allow residents to park vehicles on the even house-numbered sides of the streets on even numbered days of the month, and on odd house-numbered sides of the street on odd-numbered days of the month at 2:00 am to 7:00 am. For example, if you park your vehicle on the street on November 30, knowing that the vehicle will stay on the road all night long, the actual winter parking time frame would fall on December 1st (2:00am to 7:00am), so the resident should park on the odd numbered side of the street to match December 1st. The following night, the car would need to be switched to the other side of the street.

Alternative side parking is utilized by a variety of other municipalities. This system will save staff time in the Clerk's office and at the Department of Public Works as there is no need to now issue permits. This will also be easier for the Police Department to enforce as they would no longer need to get out and see if there is a parking pass on a vehicle's bumper. This would eliminate issues where people have claimed parking permits have been stolen from their vehicles.

A reminder that violators will still be subject to a fine of \$20. If you are unsure, call City Hall for more information at 920-361-5400.