City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Economic Development
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Amending Chapter 3 of the City Code of Ordinances related to Parking Violations at the Columbia Regional Airport.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an amendment to Chapter 3 of the City Code of Ordinances related to parking violations at the Columbia Regional Airport (COU).

Discussion

Columbia Regional Airport currently has approximately 1,100 parking spaces intended for use by citizens flying in or out of COU. For some time now, staff has observed vehicles being left, or stored, in the parking lot for extended periods of time by individuals not utilizing airport services, but taking up valuable parking spaces meant for COU customers. Current ordinances pertaining to parking violations at the Columbia Regional Airport do not address this type of issue, so in an effort to ensure parking spaces are being used by COU customers only, staff requests to amend Chapter 3 of the City Code of Ordinances by adding the following language:

- Parking of a vehicle in an airport terminal parking lot for a period greater than twenty-four (24) hours is prohibited unless such person is a passenger flying out of the airport or such vehicle displays a valid permit in a clearly visible location designated by the manager.

- A passenger flying out of the airport may park a vehicle in an airport terminal parking lot for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days unless such passenger has received written authorization from the manager.

- The manager shall promulgate criteria and procedures by which authorization to park a vehicle for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days at an airport terminal parking lot may be obtained and may designate areas where a vehicle parked for such greater period is required to be located within a parking lot. Signage which notifies individuals of the parking limitations shall be posted.

- It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to remains in an airport terminal parking lot in excess of the time limitations contained in this section. A parking ticket may be issued for each day a vehicle remains parked in violation of this section. Each calendar day shall be a separate offense.

- In addition to issuance of one or more parking tickets, a vehicle which remains in an airport terminal parking lot for a period of more than forty-five (45) consecutive days

without the written authorization of the manager shall be deemed abandoned and may be towed at the owner's expense.

- A vehicle which has prior unpaid airport terminal parking tickets is prohibited from being parked in the airport terminal parking lot until such parking tickets are resolved. A vehicle with unpaid prior airport terminal parking lot tickets may be towed at the owner's expense without further notice and without being required to comply with previous paragraph.

Planned projects this summer, such as parking lot resurfacing maintenance will make it necessary to move vehicles from parking lots, and this new language will assist staff in accomplishing removal of certain vehicles without a fiscal impact to the budget. This ordinance change will also allow parking availability for customers as air service demands continue to increase.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A
Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

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Suggested Council Action

Pass the ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the City Code of Ordinances related to parking violations at the Columbia Regional Airport.