

# Document 2 - Online 3-Hour Parking Rule Survey

## Unsigned Parking Time Limit

### Proposed Change to the 3-Hour Parking Rule (Unsigned Roadways)

Survey Closing Date: August 22, 2017

#### INTRODUCTION

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The purpose of the City of Ottawa's Traffic and Parking By-law (TPBL) is to regulate traffic and parking on highways. Since the by-law was introduced in 2003, a series of 12 amendments have been made to the by-law. Furthermore, a number of changes to provincial legislation (Ontario Highway Traffic Act and AODA regulations) have taken place, and a number of administrative and operational needs have accumulated over the years. This has precipitated the need to review and update the current by-law.

This by-law was also identified as a priority to be reviewed during this term of Council as part of the By-Law Review Strategy Report approved by the Community and Protective Services (CPS) committee on June 18, 2015, and by City Council on June 24, 2015. The By-Law Review Strategy also included a Councillor Survey, which highlighted a number of items that Councillors brought forward as needing to be considered during the TPBL review. The by-law has been reviewed in the context of industry best practices, and to ensure it conforms to new provincial legislation, while also addressing the administrative and operational needs of several stakeholders that have accumulated over the years.

One portion of the proposal provided an opportunity for public engagement. Traffic Services is reviewing the general unsigned on-street parking regulation that permits parking for a maximum of 3 consecutive hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. within city limits on weekends and holidays. In concert with the Transportation Services Communications group, we have developed an online survey which solicits opinion for the proposed change to the general on-street parking regulation from a 3-hour to a 6-hour limit between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

#### BACKGROUND

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The unsigned general on-street parking regulation specified in the City of Ottawa's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2003-530, Regulation 18(2) states that: "*Subject to the other provisions of this by-law, no person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked on a highway for a period of time longer than three (3) hours between 7:00am of one day and 7:00pm of the same day.*"

This regulation is commonly referred to as the 3-Hour Parking Rule. At the April 5<sup>th</sup> Transportation Committee Meeting, Transportation Services staff were asked to review the 3-Hour Parking Rule. As a part of the 3-Hour Parking Rule review, staff examined unsigned parking limit durations in a number of major municipalities in Ontario to determine common practices throughout the province. According to staff's findings:

- All major municipalities have some form of unsigned on-street parking rule to regulate parking;
- 52% of the examined municipalities use 3hrs as the maximum parking time limit; and,
- Ottawa is one of the only municipalities that permits overnight parking even through the winters months.

Staff's overall review of the 3-Hour Parking Rule has led the City to consider an increase to the maximum parking duration limits on **weekends and statutory holidays**.

The City of Ottawa is reviewing the general unsigned on-street parking regulation that permits parking for a maximum of 3 consecutive hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., within city limits, on weekends and statutory holidays.

The proposed change would allow vehicles to park for 6 consecutive hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and statutory holidays.

Sunday	Monday to Friday	Saturday
6 Hours	3 Hours	6 Hours
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Please answer the questions below and click 'Finish' when complete. Alternatively, you can call 613-842-3622 and leave your feedback on the voicemail.

Should you have specific questions regarding the survey or the proposed adjustment, please email [parkingrule/reglementdestationnement@ottawa.ca](mailto:parkingrule/reglementdestationnement@ottawa.ca) or call 613-842-3622.

\* 1. Please provide the first three characters of your postal code (i.e. K2A):

\* 2. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's 3-Hour Parking Rule\*?

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Yes

No

\* 3. Do you support changing the 3-Hour Parking Rule from a maximum parking duration of 3 hours to 6 hours on weekends and statutory holidays between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.?

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Yes

No

4. Additional Comments

**Your responses have been registered!**

Thank you for providing your feedback which will be incorporated into a report to the Transportation Committee for consideration this fall. All of your answers are private and confidential.