

Ordinance 0001-20

Ordinance adopting an amendment to the document titled “A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035” (Comp. Plan 2035), as an amendment thereto, the document titled “Downtown Racine, Pedestrian, Plaza, and Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019” (The Public Realm and Parking Plan).

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to Section 62.23 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the City of Racine is authorized to prepare and adopt certain amendments to Comp. Plan 2035 as defined in Sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

SECTION 2: The Public Realm and Parking Plan provides an examination of the existing conditions of facilities and their functioning in the Downtown area related to parking, traffic circulation, safety, and the public realm/assembly space through and examination of 1) traffic circulation on the Main Street corridor, 2) on and off-street parking systems, and 3) utilization of Monument Square; and

SECTION 3: The plans and designs were developed during two, four-day, collaborative workshops, from July 8 to July 11 and from July 29 to August 1, 2019 during which, City Staff, Downtown Racine Corporation officials, business owners, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, civic leaders, property owners, and other members of the community provided input and feedback, all culminating in a presentation of design concepts on August 1, 2019; and

SECTION 4: As a result of the collaborative workshops and final presentation, The Public Realm and Parking Plan was produced to summarize the design process, and the design concepts, and to augment the diagrams and presentations that were developed during the workshops, and a preliminary draft of The Public Realm and Parking Plan was delivered to the City of Racine in September, 2019 with the final draft being delivered to the City of Racine in November, 2019; and

SECTION 5: On December 19, 2019 copies of The Public Real and Parking Plan were distributed to the Clerks of adjacent municipalities, Racine County, and the Racine Public Library; and

SECTION 6: On December 23, 2019 a notice of a January 22, 2020 Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission public hearing regarding the Comp. Plan 2035 amendment and proposed incorporation of The Public Realm and Parking Plan, as an amendment thereto, was published in the Journal Times; and

SECTION 7: During their meeting of January 22, 2020 and following a 30-day notice and public comment period, the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission and the general public in attendance, prior to the public hearing, received a presentation on The Public Realm and Parking Plan given by a representative of Toole Design, preparers of the plan, after which the Commission recommended to the Common Council that The Public Real and Parking Plan be adopted as an amendment to Comp Plan: 2035 and that a resolution and ordinance be prepared reflecting this action; and

SECTION 8: During their meeting of February 4, 2020 the Committee of the Whole received a presentation on The Public Realm and Parking Plan given by a representative of Toole Design; and

SECTION 9: Ordinance 0001-20 was prepared for the amendment to the Comp. Plan 2035, reviewed by the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission during a meeting of February 12, 2020 and the Commission's recommendation for approval transmitted to the Common Council.

SECTION 10: The Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, by enactment of this ordinance does formally adopt the document titled "Downtown Racine Pedestrian, Plaza & Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019" as an amendment to the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035" pursuant to Section 62.23 and Section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 11: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City of Racine Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.

Fiscal Note: N/A