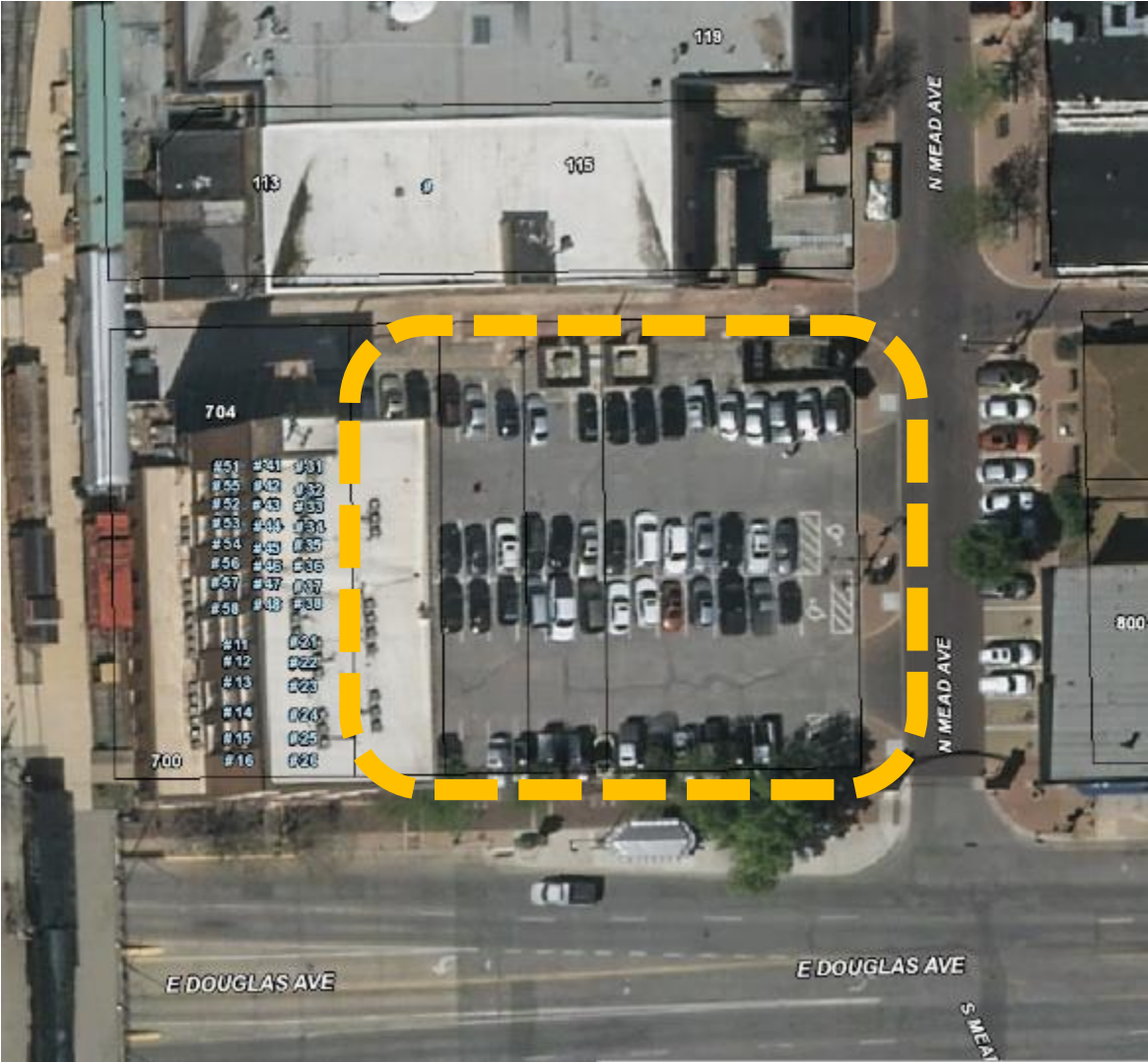


# Douglas and Mead Parking Lot – Time Limits and Permits

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## Overview

This document provides a brief overview of the time limits and permit program for the Douglas and Mead lot in Old Town.



## What

In August, 2019, the parking at the City of Wichita Old Town Douglas and Mead Lot became time limited to two hours from 8 am – 5pm, with the exception that vehicles displaying Old Town Parking District permits would be allowed to exceed the two hour time limit.

The Old Town Parking District permits are available through the Old Town Association.

## Why

The purpose of the time limits and permits is to manage the parking so that approximately 10-15 percent of the spaces are available for parking from 8am – 5pm.

## Background

The Old Town lots at Douglas and Mead, and Douglas and Rock Island are within the Old Town Overlay District (Old Town Parking District), where payments from property owners and businesses into the district are used to cover the expenses of the City provided public off-street parking.

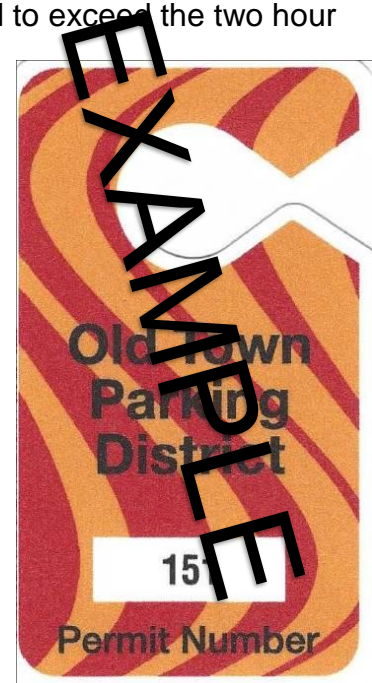
In 2019, City staff received multiple communications from business owners in the area reporting that both the Rock Island and Douglas; and the Mead and Douglas lots are full and are creating challenges for businesses in the area. The reports of lack of available parking increased dramatically after multiple new businesses opened up in the area.

During the month of June, City staff met with stakeholders south of Douglas to inform them of proposed changes to parking at the two Douglas lots.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, staff attended the Old Town Association Board of Directors Meeting and presented information about the proposed changes at the two Douglas lots. Staff indicated that the mix of uses at Douglas and Mead would require some additional consideration about signage at the lot and they would continue conversations about the lot.

On July 24, 2019, the Old Town Association approved a motion for the lot at Mead and Douglas (immediately east of the Player Piano lofts) to be signed for 2-hour parking and for the Old Town Association to be able to issue permits to exceed the time limit. This included the stipulation that the permits would only allow parking to exceed the time limit at the Douglas and Mead lot.

Around August 12, 2019, the two-hour time limit signs where installed on the Mead lot and enforcement actions have been taking place since.



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