

New Parking Method Implemented Downtown

Reverse Angle Parking: Easy, Safe and Creates More Spaces

Indianapolis--Motorists looking for a parking spot on some downtown streets will soon notice a new method of parking. In a unanimous vote, the City-County Council Monday night approved Reverse Angle Parking on the north side of Michigan Street from New Jersey Street to East Street.

“Reverse Angle Parking is not an entirely new concept for Indianapolis; it’s already being implemented on New York Street in front of the Federal Building,” said Department of Public Works (DPW) Director David Sherman. “While Reverse Angle Parking isn’t much different than the traditional way of parking, it offers additional benefits.”

With Reverse Angle Parking drivers are able to see a parking space before backing into it, a safer option than traditional, diagonal parking. Diagonal parking requires backing out of a space into unknown conditions because there may be objects obstructing a motorist’s vision. Reverse Angle Parking also affords better visibility when motorists are leaving a parking space.

Reverse Angle Parking is easy to do and requires only three simple steps:

- **Signal:** Use turn signal to indicate parking.
- **Stop:** Pull past the space then stop to make sure no traffic is behind you.
- **Reverse:** Reverse into parking spot.

“In Downtown Indianapolis where parking is limited, Reverse Angle Parking will create more spaces, reduce the number of traffic accidents and add convenience when it comes to loading and unloading vehicles,” said Sherman.

Now that Reverse Angle Parking has been approved by the Council, the ordinance will need to be signed by Mayor Greg Ballard. In June, DPW engineers will begin restriping pavement and drawing new markings in the affected project limits. Reverse Angle Parking will be implemented on Michigan Street by the end of June.