



Take notice that the City of Ashland Committee of the Whole will meet immediately following the adjournment of the City Council Meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, 601 Main Street W. Ashland, WI, to consider and act upon the following agenda.

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**Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting
Agenda**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Council President's Report**
4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - A. **Amendment to Chapter 51 (1814) City Council Procedures to Allow Large Budgeted Purchases to be Placed Directly onto the Council Agenda (Clerk)**
 - B. **Review of Chapter 601 (1017) Municipal Parking Lots for Potential Changes and Updates (Clerk)**
5. **Items for Future Discussion**
6. **Adjournment**

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Ref: 2025-203

**COMMITTEE AGENDA:
4.A. (9/16/2025)**

SUBJECT: Amendment to Chapter 51 (1814) City Council Procedures to Allow Large Budgeted Purchases to be Placed Directly onto the Council Agenda (*Clerk*)

RECOMMENDATION: Advance to Council for formal approval

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: City Clerk

CLEARANCES: Mayor

EXHIBITS:

COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: NA

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Items are generally vetted by the Committee of the Whole to allow for full transparency and consideration before moving to the Council agenda for formal approval. The order of business regarding the Council and Committee of the Whole items for consideration, is outlined within [Chapter 51 City Council Procedure](#), Ashland City Ordinances. Section 51.26 specifically lists items which should be placed directly onto the Council agenda without the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, and Section 51.26(b) lists the eight circumstances for these exceptions.

51.26(b)(6) currently states *City projects previously approved in the annual City Budget*.

Due to these expenses, very large purchases of items such as a specialty vehicle or contractor equipment are discussed during the budgeting process. For this reason, the Clerk is requesting to include such language under this section to include "large budgeted purchases."

SUBJECT: Review of Chapter 601 (1017) Municipal Parking Lots for Potential Changes and Updates (*Clerk*)

RECOMMENDATION: Advance to Council for formal approval

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Clerk

CLEARANCES: Mayor

EXHIBITS: 1. City of Ashland Parking Lots

COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: NA

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Clerk is asking for conversation regarding updating [Chapter 601 \(1017\)](#). As with other Ordinances, staff changes and the evolution of processes can affect the language or intent of the ordinance, causing the City to not follow its own law.

The City of Ashland has a number of parking lots available to citizens for permitted overnight parking for those who do not have off-street parking at their residences. The designated parking lots are listed in Chapter 601.01 Designation of Individual Parking Lots, and those needing an overnight parking space are required to obtain a parking permit at the City Clerk's office. Unfortunately not all City lots are listed as a designated lot available for permitted parking.

Ch. 601.02 states that our parking lots are for motor vehicle use only, but does not allow for a definition of "motor vehicle". Per WI State Statute 340.01(35), "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, including a combination of 2 or more vehicles or an articulated vehicle, which is self-propelled such as a car, truck, motorcycle, ATV/UTV, electric scooter or moped, and electric personal assistive mobility devices, but does not include boats, trailers, travel trailers, or electric bicycles. Adding a definition to Ch. 601 would add clarity to what is acceptable to park in city lots.

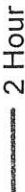
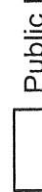
[Ch. 279.04](#) Authority to Issue Citations gives additional appropriate City staff the authority to issue citations. Staff is recommending including this language to Ch. 601.07 to broaden the City's ability to patrol lots and cite those who do not hold a permit.

Ch. 601.08 involves the fees for citations issued in particular situations, such as a \$5 forfeiture for violating posted parking restrictions. This makes it hardly worth staff's time to go through the motions. Staff recommends increasing these forfeiture charges and including potential costs for court hearings and possible towing if applicable.

Staff is looking for Council's consideration of the recommended amendments, and to bring the proposed changes to the next Council meeting for formal approval.

Downtown Public Parking

Legend

-  2 Hour
-  15 Minute
-  No Time Limit
-  No Parking
-  Public Lots

City Lot Guide

- North 6th Ave Lot: No Time Limit 7 spaces
- 6th Ave and US2 Lot: No Time Limit 10 spaces
- City Hall Lot: 15min 1 space, 1 Handicap, No Time Limit 11 spaces
- No Time Limit 2 spaces, Permit Only 14 spaces
- City Lot A: Permit Parking Only 18 spaces
- City Lot B: 2hr 8 spaces, No Time Limit 20 spaces
- City Lot C: 2hr 36 spaces
- City Lot D: No Time Limit 24 spaces, Permit Only 19 spaces
- City Lot E: No Time Limit 65 spaces
- City Lot F: No Time Limit 32 spaces
- Bretting Center: No Time Limit 22 spaces
- Skate Park: No Time Limit 30 spaces

