



# THE CITY OF KEY WEST

## Parking Division

P.O.Box 1409, Key West, FL 33040

### **The Curb:**

One purpose for the creation of the City of Key West Parking Division was to manage the City's parking resources. I visualize this as the use of the curb line of our streets. The Curb is part of the Public Right-of-Way and as such it is available for public use. It exists to help move goods and services efficiently with loading zones, supports the vitality of local businesses by providing parking for their customers, assists in the transport of people with bus stops, trolleys, and taxi stands, helps provide a better quality of life for residents to park their cars near their homes, promotes the City's goals of sustainability by encouraging alternative modes of travel with bike racks and scooter corrals, and on and on.

The competition for this Curb in Key West is especially intense since our City was built before motor vehicles were invented. One result of this is a lack of service alleys behind buildings in the Commercial Core. All the supplies and merchandise must unload at the Curb and come in the front door. Another result is residents without driveways must rely on parking at the Curb in their neighborhood.

I envision management of this limited resource by prioritizing its use.

### **Commercial Curb:**

Commercial Core Zones I would give priority as follows:

#### 1.) Loading Zones and Commercial Vehicle Delivery Zones

-Loading Zones are typically 20 feet in length, operate from 6am to 6pm, designed for smaller panel or box trucks such as FedEx, UPS, and business owners or customers actively loading or unloading merchandise. After 6pm these become free parking or parking as indicated by signage (taxi, motorcycle, etc...)

-Commercial Vehicle Delivery Zones are typically 60 feet in length; operate from 6am to 12 noon or 2 PM depending on street. They become meter parking after hours, and are designed for Commercial Vehicles - 3 axils or more / 2600 pounds or more -typically called tractor trailers.

#### 2.) Transit Stops for people movers

-City Bus Stops: either the shelters or the post mounted sign stops.  
-Trolley, Train, Duck stops/stations as they move large amounts of people around our City and pay franchise fees

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- Hotel Courtesy Vans
- Commercial Coaches or Buses
- Taxi Stands

3.) Metered Parking

- Short term parking typically up to 4 hours
- Long term parking typically daily or monthly (Bight and Park n Ride)

4.) Alternative Parking

- Bicycle Racks in first parking space on side streets of major streets
- Scooter Corrals in second parking space on side streets of major streets

5.) Employee Vehicle Parking

- Employees who work in the Commercial Core Districts

6.) Residential Vehicle Parking

- Residents who live in the Commercial Core Districts

General Commercial Zone (White Street, First Street, Bertha) I would give priority as follows:

1.) Loading Zones and Commercial Vehicle Delivery Zones (active loading only)

- Loading Zones, 20 feet long, 6AM-6PM, open parking other times.
- Commercial Delivery Zone, with expressed need.

2.) 15-Minute Parking

- Quick stop, pick up and go

3.) 30-Minute Parking

- Retail shopping or services (real estate, barber, motorcycle rental)

4.) General open parking for customers

5.) Residential Vehicle Parking

- Residents who live in the General Commercial Districts

**Residential Curb:**

The Curb in the Historic Residential Zones I would give priority as follows:

1.) Loading Zones and Commercial Vehicle Delivery Zones (active loading only)

- Loading Zones, 20 feet long, 6AM-6PM, open parking other times
- Commercial Delivery Zone, with expressed need, 7AM-3PM

2.) Transit Stops for people movers

- City Bus Stops either at shelters or the post mounted sign stops.

3.) Guest Loading Zones

-one 30-minute guest drop off zone granted to guesthouses that do not have parking on-site in exchange for encouraging their guests to park in public or private lots outside of the residential districts.

4.) Church Parking

-one Church drop off zone for Churches that do not have parking on-site to facilitate elderly members arrival and departure. These signs are day and time certain i.e. Sunday 7AM to 2PM or as appropriate.

5.) Residential Parking

-Parking for residents in specially marked residential spaces

6.) General open parking for anyone.

I believe this prioritization management style blends well with the City's comprehensive plan based on our current zoning and land development regulations. I have generally focused on the Historic District because this is where parking demand is greatest and supply is limited.