

ORDINANCE NO. C-25-45

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, REVISING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO PERMIT TEMPORARY VALET OPERATIONS IN THE RIGHTS-OF WAY, IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION 26-226, AND SUBSECTION 26-232 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 26, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale sets forth the safe and legal operation of valet parking for the use and convenience of businesses and the general public and provides the manner to provide safe and efficient valet parking in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, subsection 26-232(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale establishes an administrative process for the issuance of temporary valet permits for non-residential use in certain rights-of-way set forth in subsection 26-226 (a), which provides City staff with the opportunity to evaluate whether the existing conditions would support an alignment with future long term valet operations; and

WHEREAS, subsection 26-226 (a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale enumerates certain rights-of-way where valet operations are not permitted; and

WHEREAS, City staff approved an administrative temporary valet permit, operating within the boundaries of East Las Olas Boulevard between SE 13th Avenue and SE 15th Avenue, and found that the valet operation has not created a negative impact to the public welfare, parking, or traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds that future valet operations are sustainable within the boundaries of East Las Olas Boulevard between SE 13th Avenue and SE 15th Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, serve a public and municipal purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That subsection 26-226 (a) of the Code of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 26-226. Standards and criteria for application review.

The following standards and criteria shall be used in reviewing the application and such standards and criteria must be met in order for a permit to be approved:

- (a) Except as provided in 26-232(c)4, valet operations in rights-of-way shall not be permitted as follows:
 - (1) Within rights-of-way within city boundaries that are not under the city's jurisdiction. However, this shall not preclude the applicant from obtaining independent permits from the entity with jurisdiction over a public right-of-way outside the city's jurisdiction for valet operation, subject to payment to the city for use of any city controlled public parking spaces as part of the valet operation. If another entity approves a valet operation, the valet operator shall be required to notify the division in writing.
 - (2) On ROW having speed limits greater than thirty (30) m.p.h.
 - (3) On pedestrian priority and image streets/ people streets as defined in this article.
 - (4) East Las Olas Boulevard from S.E. 3rd Avenue to S.E. 16th Avenue, except for the northern portion of East Las Olas Boulevard between S.E. 13th Avenue and S.E. 15th Avenue.
 - (5) S.W. 2nd Street from S.W. 2nd Avenue to S.W. 7th Avenue.

- (6) During times of significant traffic demand on the ROW used for the ramping area and valet operation routes as determined by the city engineer.
- (b) A ramping area and valet operation route between a ramping area and a vehicle storage area shall not be located in the following areas:
- (1) In a vehicular or bicycle travel through lane.
 - (2) On a sidewalk.
 - (3) In a location that would damage swales, drainage areas, landscaping, irrigation systems, or other similar right-of-way features.
 - (4) In the sight lines of regulatory signs and traffic control devices.
 - (5) On the same side of the ROW and within one hundred (100) feet of another ramping area permitted to be used pursuant to a valet parking permit.
 - (6) Within five (5) feet of a crosswalk.
 - (7) Within fifty (50) feet of a transit stop.
 - (8) Within forty (40) feet of a loading zone.
 - (9) Within the sight triangles of streets, alleys or driveways.
 - (10) Within areas that conflict with the need for public parking as determined by the director.
- (c) When a valet operation proposes to include the use of unmarked public parking spaces within the ramping area, the length of the ramping area shall be a minimum of sixty (60) linear feet and a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) linear feet.

- (d) When a valet operation proposes to use marked public parking spaces within the ramping area, the length of the ramping area shall be a maximum of five (5) marked parking spaces.
- (e) The width of the ramping area shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from curb face.
- (f) Transition lanes shall be provided at the entry and exit points of the ramping area. Transition lanes shall be located entirely within the ramping area and be delineated with reflective traffic cones provided by the valet operator. A mobile sign stating "valet parking" shall be placed at the entry point to the valet operator area. Traffic control devices shall be placed to guide the vehicles to the curb so that the distance between the travel lanes and vehicle is maximized.
- (g) When a proposed valet operation includes a residential street on the route(s) between the ramping area and storage area(s), the applicant shall demonstrate that no alternate route can reasonably be taken that will not include the residential street.
- (h) The requirements provided in this section 26-226 shall be in accordance with standards and criteria as determined by the city engineer, as may be amended from time to time. All traffic control devices shall be consistent with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

SECTION 2. That subsection 26-232(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 26-232. Temporary valet permit.

A temporary valet permit may be issued in any zoning district in the city at the discretion of the director subject to the following:

- (a) An operator may apply for a temporary valet permit at the division on a form provided by the director no later than seven (7) days prior to the proposed special event, unless such application is for a declared emergency as provided in subsection (e) of this section.
- (b) An application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to the city when the application for a temporary valet permit is submitted.
- (c) Temporary valet permits are restricted as follows:
 - (1) *Special event for non-residential use.*
 - a. No more than six (6) temporary valet permits will be issued for the same location within any twelve-month period.
 - b. Temporary permits for a special event shall be restricted to events lasting no longer than five (5) consecutive days.
 - c. The director may require, as a condition of the temporary valet permit, additional ramping, storage space or both when available, providing the additional space does not interfere with public parking needed for the general public.
 - (2) *Special event for residential use.*
 - a. Temporary valet permits in residential zoning districts shall be restricted to private functions lasting no longer than twenty-four (24) hours.
 - b. The director may require permit as a condition of the temporary valet permit, additional ramping, storage space or both, when available, providing it does not interfere with the public parking needed for residents.
 - c. If located within an area within a homeowners' association, applicant shall provide, at the time of application, evidence that the homeowners' association has been notified of the application for a temporary valet operation.

(3) *Emergency.*

- a. A temporary permit may be issued when the city manager deems an emergency to exist. An emergency is defined as a situation or occurrence of a serious nature in which the provision of valet service would help protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- b. Temporary permits issued for an emergency declared by the city manager are subject to the conditions stated on the permit.

(4) Administrative temporary valet permit for non-residential use. The director of the Transportation and Mobility Department may authorize the issuance of a temporary valet permit for temporary valet operations in any of the rights-of-way set forth in subsections 26-226(a)(2), (3), (4), or (5), except that portion of East Las Olas Boulevard between S.E. 6th 3rd Avenue and S.E. 12th Avenue, subject to the following conditions:

- a. No more than three (3) temporary valet permits will be issued for the same location within any twelve-month period.
- b. Temporary valet permits shall be restricted to sixty (60) consecutive days.
- c. The director may require, as a condition of the temporary valet permit, additional ramping, storage space or both, when available, provided the additional storage space does not interfere with public parking needed for the general public, enhanced staffing levels, or specialized valet routes to minimize traffic congestion.
- d. The temporary valet permit may be revoked immediately with written notice from the city manager.

All other terms and conditions of this article shall apply to temporary valet permits.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. At the direction of the City Attorney, the publisher of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is authorized to conform chapter, article, section, subsection, and clause numbers and letters, and capitalization, set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and to correct any non-substantive scrivener's errors in the codification of this Ordinance without the need for a public hearing.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage on second reading.

PASSED FIRST READING this 4th day of November, 2025.

PASSED SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN