

City of Oxford Board of Commissioners' Work Session

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM
3rd Floor Commissioners Board Room, City Hall



Mayor
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Commissioner
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Scotty Brooks

Commissioner
Kate Kelly

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Commissioner
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City Manager
W. Brent Taylor

City Attorney
J. Thomas Burnette

City Clerk
Cynthia Bowen

Please be reminded to turn off or mute all cell phones and/or electronic devices.

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

2. Discussion

Items sent in by the Mayor and the Commissioners to discuss.

2.1 Review of Parking Presentation.

2.2 Discuss the growing number of vacant and boarded properties throughout our city.

- Look at the condition of many of these properties and determine whether our current ordinances, enforcement practices, and policies are adequate to address the issue.

Throughout several neighborhoods, there are homes that have been vacant for years. Many are boarded up, suffering from deteriorated paint, overgrown vegetation, structural decline, and general neglect. These properties negatively affect surrounding homeowners, reduce neighborhood pride, create safety concerns, and present an image inconsistent with the vision for Oxford.

Some of these properties have become targets for trespassing, unauthorized occupancy, and other activities that create additional challenges for nearby residents and public safety personnel.

Oxford has individuals and families in our community struggling to find housing while properties remain vacant and unused for extended periods.

We need to review the existing provisions within our UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) and property maintenance ordinances and determine what changes may be necessary to encourage property owners to maintain, rehabilitate, occupy, sell, or otherwise address these structures.

We should also evaluate whether current penalties and enforcement measures are sufficient and being consistently applied.

2.3 Aging Trees

2.4 Working wage starter homes and their potential for the City of Oxford.

2.5 Update on the Public Safety Station.

3. **Adjournment**



PARKING DISCUSSION

JULY 15, 2025
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

WHY HAVING THIS DISCUSSION?

- COMPLAINTS FROM SOME BUSINESS OWNERS THAT SHORT-TERM PARKING SPACES ARE OCCUPIED BY EITHER BUSINESS OWNERS/EMPLOYEES NOT DEPENDENT ON HIGHER VOLUME OF TRAFFIC OR IT DOESN'T MATTER TO THEM WHERE THEIR CUSTOMERS PARK.
- COURT BUSINESS PREVENTING OTHER CUSTOMERS FROM ACCESSING BUSINESSES DEPENDENT ON HIGHER VOLUME OF TRAFFIC.
- RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS.
- THIS ISSUE WAS BROUGHT TO THE COMMISSIONERS. THIS ISN'T BOARD OR STAFF DRIVEN INITIATIVE.

CREATION OF PARKING TASK FORCE

- PARKING TASK FORCE WAS ESTABLISHED TO LOOK AT ISSUES REGARDING DOWNTOWN PARKING.
- ENFORCEMENT
- WAYFINDING SIGNAGE TO PUBLIC PARKING
- IMPROVING ATTRACTIVENESS OF PUBLIC PARKING AREAS.
- ALTER SOME OF THE TIMED PARKING SPACES.

COMMISSIONERS HAVE COMMITTED TO:

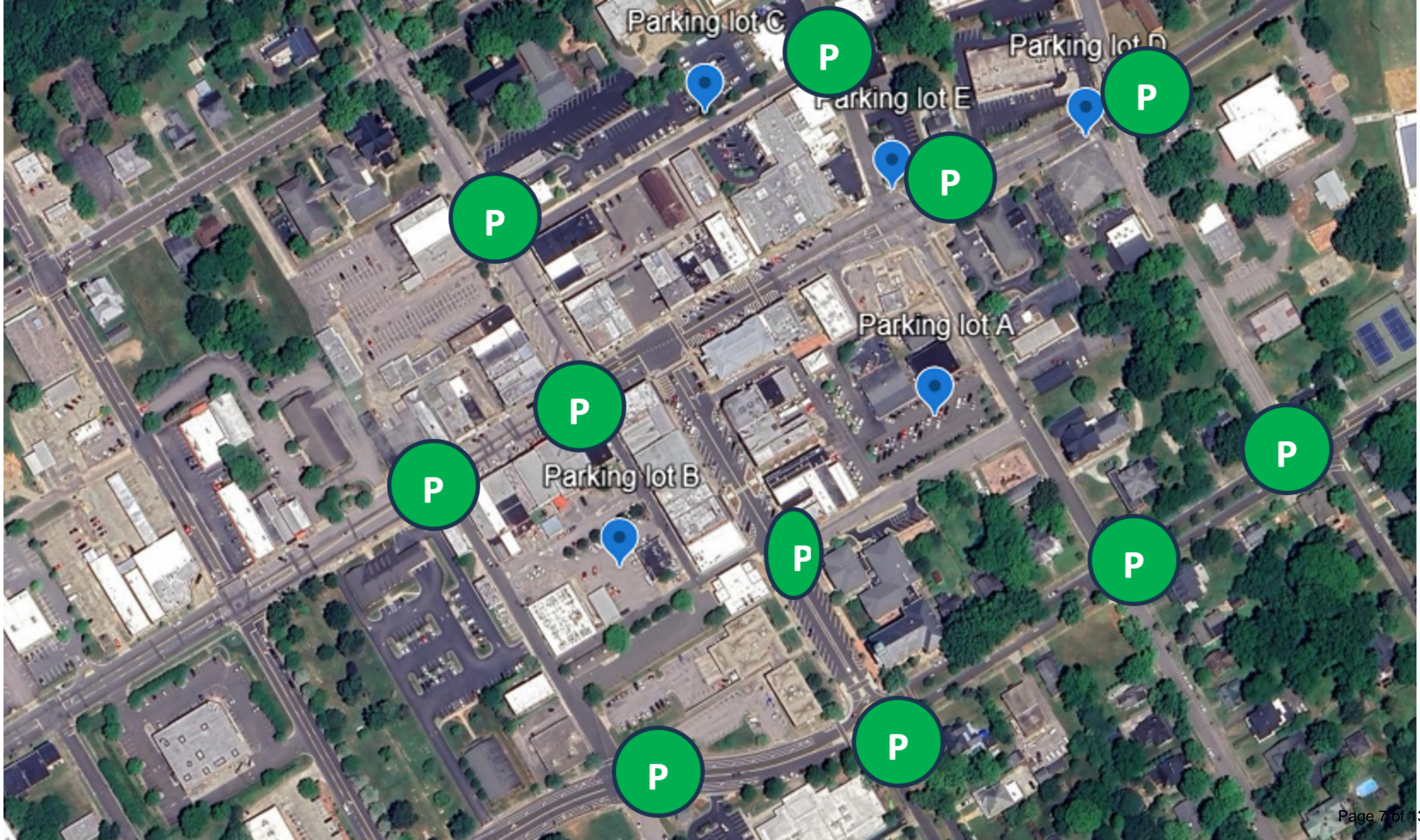
IMPROVING WAY FINDING SIGNAGE TO PARKING AREAS

MAKING PARKING AREAS MORE ATTRACTIVE INCLUDING
BETTER LIGHTING
IMPROVE BEAUTIFICATION

COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE TO
KNOW

SHOULD WE HAVE TIMED PARKING SPACES? IF SO, WHERE? AND HOW LONG?

WHAT LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT, IF ANY, FOR ADHERENCE TO TIMED PARKING?



Parking lot C

Parking lot D

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Parking lot E

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Parking lot A

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Parking lot B

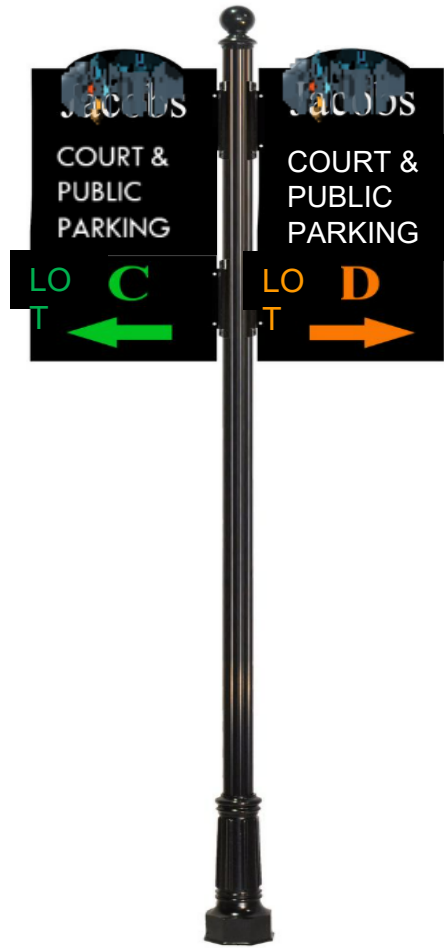
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WALKWAYS TO PARKING

Beside the Orpheum (2)
Currin Park (2)



TONIGHT'S PURPOSE IS TO START A DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

TIMED PARKING HAS NOT CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY.

15 MINUTE PARKING IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE IS ALREADY PRESENT.

2 HR PARKING IS ALREADY MOSTLY PRESENT.

30-MINUTE PARKING IS NEW AND IS DESIGNED FOR FOOD SERVICE TAKE-AWAY PATRONS.

PARKING LOTS WOULD NOT BE TIMED PARKING.

RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL OR DIFFERENT SUGGESTIONS.



2 HR Parking Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2 HR PARKING
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

30 Minute Parking Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

30 MINUTE PARKING
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

15 Minute Parking Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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COMMON SENSE ENFORCEMENT

OBJECTIVE IS TO CHANGE THE BEHAVIOR OF ABUSERS OF THE TIME PARKING.

NOT TO BEGIN UNTIL PARKING LOT WAY FINDING SIGNAGE IS COMPLETED.

ENFORCEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS NEEDED. IF THERE ARE PLENTY OF AVAILABLE SPACES ON ANY GIVEN STREET THERE IS NO NEED TO CREATE A BAD ENVIRONMENT BY TICKETING.

HAVE REASONABLE TURNOVER OF SPACES. (SOMEONE WHO IS 15 MINUTES OVER IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO GET TICKETED. AN HOUR OVER TIME MAYBE, AND OVER 2 HOURS, MOST LIKELY.)

ANTICIPATE ENFORCEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF 2026 AFTER SIGNAGE IS INSTALLED AND AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

NEXT STEPS

1. GATHER FEEDBACK TONIGHT, ALONG WITH WHAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. ANY COMMENTS THAT MAY COME UP IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.
2. CREATE AN ORDINANCE THAT REFLECTS THE MOST LIKELY THE DESIRE OF THE COMMUNITY.
3. HAVE ONE MORE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE.
4. IMPLEMENTATION.
5. EVALUATE AND ADJUST.