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Town To Install Parking Signs in Bluffton's Historic District in Early December

The Town is installing no-parking and three-hour parking signs throughout Bluffton's Historic District. No-parking signs will be placed on Lawrence, Lawton and Church Streets. Three-hour parking limit signs will be installed at DuBois Park and both sides of Calhoun Street from the intersection of May River Road to Bridge Street. This project implements a Town Council resolution which was adopted at the December 2015 Town Council meeting.

"We hope these restrictions will give residents and businesses, especially those on side streets, some needed relief," Mayor Lisa Sulka said. "We all have witnessed some creative parking which has obstructed vehicular and pedestrian traffic. As a public safety concern, we must ensure those streets have enough clearance for a fire truck or ambulance to always be able to pass through."

The three-hour parking zones are intended to ensure prime parking spaces are available for visitors, business patrons and residents.

Sign installation is scheduled to begin the week of December 5. Construction notice signs will be posted on site to notify residents and business owners of exact construction dates and times.

"The Town is always considering new parking options for Bluffton's Historic District to ensure safety and convenience," Bryan McIlwee, the town's director of engineering, said. "To offset the new parking restrictions, the Town is reminding residents and visitors free parking is available at the Cornerstone Baptist Church lot. The Town's agreement with the church provides 55 public parking spaces in its lot. There is also on-street parking on May River Road and Bluffton Road."

The agreement between the Town and Cornerstone Baptist Church allows the public to park in the church's parking lot with the exception of Sunday mornings and during a few special church events. The parking lot is located at 7 Church Street and is also accessible from Calhoun Street.

If you have questions about the parking sign installation project, please feel free to contact the Town's Director of Engineering Bryan McIlwee at (Office: 843.706.7824) or (Email: [bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com](mailto:bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com)).