



City of Peoria Introduces Reverse Angle Parking

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Peoria (07/09/15)—Peoria will soon have more in common with cities like New York, Portland, Seattle, and Washington DC as city staff work to install reverse diagonal parking in the certain downtown areas.

Public Works crews are currently working on removing meters, painting new parking stripes and installing new signs on Fulton Street (from Monroe to Jefferson), Monroe Street (from Main to Fulton) & Madison Street (from Main to Fulton). The new spaces will also be slightly wider to accommodate motorist learning this new way of parking. The completion date of the project is dependent on the weather. Parking meters will be reinstalled in the near future.

Reverse diagonal parking allows cars to back into their spots, allowing drivers to maintain eye contact with oncoming traffic when exiting the parking space. The benefits to the reverse angle system are numerous to both passengers, pedestrians and other drivers. Drivers have improved visibility when leaving the spaces. Given this increased visibility, there are less collisions to people, bicyclists and other vehicles. The angled reverse parking is safer for passengers exiting the vehicle since the doors open in a manner that directs them to the sidewalk, rather than the street. This also affords greater safety to access the trunk, which is now located along the sidewalk as opposed to the line of traffic.



This system can be as easy as a 3-part process, similar to parallel parking:

1. Signal a right turn to notify other drivers
2. Pull past the parking spot and stop
3. Reverse into the parking spot.

“This will be a change for motorists, but we feel that once they get comfortable, they’ll see the safety benefits and ease of parking,” says Nick Stoffer, Traffic Engineer with the City of Peoria.

The public is asked to use more patience in the new parking areas as motorists familiarize themselves with the reverse diagonal parking spots.

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