

CITY OF NEW BUFFALO

PARKING FAQ'S 2026



1. What parking changes can I expect in 2026 compared to previous years and when will these be implemented?

- 3-hour parking zones will be enforced in the downtown area in the yellow highlighted areas on our [Summer Parking Map](#). Enforcement will be between the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- A free shuttle service will be available on the following high traffic dates:
July 3* 10 am – 12 am* Extended hours for fireworks
July 4 10 am – 10 pm
July 5 10 am – 10 pm
Sept. 5 10 am – 10 pm
Sept. 6 10 am – 10 pm

Shuttle Stops

- New Buffalo Beach
- Amtrak Station
- Mechanic and Berrien Streets
- Oselka Park

2. Where can I park for free in the City of New Buffalo in or near downtown?

Free parking is available on all city streets with a curb if there are no other signed restrictions.

3. Are there any time restrictions on free street parking?

Yes, there are 3-hour parking time limits in the yellow highlighted areas as illustrated in our [Summer Parking Map](#) between the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day.

4. In addition to street parking, are there any free parking lots in the City of New Buffalo?

Yes, there is a parking lot at the corner of Mechanic & Barton Streets with 3-hour enforced parking.

5. What are the [parking violation fees](#)?

Three-Hour Parking Violation	\$ 85.00
Beach Parking Violation	\$ 85.00
Failure to Pay Violation	\$ 85.00
No Parking Violation	\$ 85.00
Restricted Parking	\$ 85.00
Fire Lane Violation	\$150.00
Handicap Parking Violation	\$150.00

6. Is overnight parking allowed on City streets?

- Downtown Streets in yellow highlighted areas: No overnight parking.
- Other Streets (outside yellow highlighted areas): Vehicles may not be left overnight between October 1st and April 1st to facilitate snow removal.

7. Can City of New Buffalo residents or business employees receive parking enforcement waivers to park in the yellow highlighted areas?

No, however, City of New Buffalo taxpayers are allowed two parking passes for the Beach Parking Lots with an application and valid vehicle registration.

8. Where can I pay to park?

- City Parking Lots: There are two pay-to-park beach parking lots on either side of Marquette Drive from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm EST from April 1 to October 1. Payments can be made at one of the nearby kiosks.
- Private Parking Lots: Private parking lots are not owned or managed by the city and the locations, information and fees can change at any time. Private parking lots known at this time are in our [Summer Parking Map](#).

9. Where can I park to take the Shuttle Service?

The remote parking area is in the Oselka Park Stadium parking lot on Detroit and Bronson Streets.

10. Why is the city implementing these parking changes for 2026?

Parking turnover is critical for most downtown businesses, since parking supply is limited. If parking is used by longer-term parkers, such as beach goers, employees, residents, etc., fewer short-term customers have the opportunity to use that space. This restricts access to downtown.

12. Where can I ask questions or provide suggestions?

Please share your feedback by calling the City's Parking Enforcement line at 269-469-1593 or by sending an email to info@cityofnewbuffalomi.com.

Additional parking information can be found on the City of New Buffalo's Website:
[Parking Information](#)